

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations  
and is not a part of the Official Record

## **BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

**BLACK BORDERS**

- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,  
please do not report the images to the  
Image Problem Mailbox.**

**PCT**WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION  
International Bureau

## INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

<b>(51) International Patent Classification 6 :</b> <b>C12N 15/82, 15/55, A01H 5/00, C11B 1/00</b>		<b>A3</b>	<b>(11) International Publication Number:</b> <b>WO 96/23892</b> <b>(43) International Publication Date:</b> <b>8 August 1996 (08.08.96)</b>
<b>(21) International Application Number:</b> <b>PCT/US96/01585</b>		<b>(81) Designated States:</b> CA, JP, US, European patent (AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE).	
<b>(22) International Filing Date:</b> <b>1 February 1996 (01.02.96)</b>		<b>Published</b> <i>With international search report. Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.</i>	
<b>(30) Priority Data:</b> 08/383,756 2 February 1995 (02.02.95) US 08/460,898 5 June 1995 (05.06.95) US		<b>(88) Date of publication of the international search report:</b> <b>5 December 1996 (05.12.96)</b>	
<b>(60) Parent Application or Grant</b> <b>(63) Related by Continuation</b> US Not furnished (CIP) Filed on Not furnished			
<b>(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US):</b> CALGENE, INC. [US/US]; 1920 Fifth Street, Davis, CA 95616 (US).			
<b>(72) Inventors; and</b> <b>(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only):</b> DEHESH, Katayoon [US/US]; 521 Crownpointe Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687 (US). VOELKER, Toni, Alois [DE/US]; 1206 Cowell Place, Davis, CA 95616 (US). HAWKINS, Deborah [US/US]; 230 Grande Avenue, Davis, CA 95616 (US).			
<b>(74) Agents:</b> SCHWEDLER, Carl, J. et al.; Calgene, Inc., 1920 Fifth Street, Davis, CA 95616 (US).			

**(54) Title:** PRODUCTION OF MYRISTATE IN PLANT CELLS**(57) Abstract**

By this invention, methods to produce C14 fatty acids in plant seed oils are provided. In a first embodiment, this invention relates to particular C14 preferring acyl-ACP thioesterase sequences from *Cuphea palustris*, camphor and nutmeg, and to DNA constructs for the expression of these thioesterases in host cells for production of C14 fatty acids. Other aspects of this invention relate to methods for using other plant medium-chain thioesterases or medium-chain thioesterases from non-plant sources to provide C14 fatty acids in plant cells. In this regard, the production of C14 fatty acids in plant cells as the result of expression from *Cuphea palustris*, nutmeg and camphor medium chain acyl-ACP thioesterases is provided.

***FOR THE PURPOSES OF INFORMATION ONLY***

Codes used to identify States party to the PCT on the front pages of pamphlets publishing international applications under the PCT.

AM	Armenia	GB	United Kingdom	MW	Malawi
AT	Austria	GE	Georgia	MX	Mexico
AU	Australia	GN	Guinea	NE	Niger
BB	Barbados	GR	Greece	NL	Netherlands
BE	Belgium	HU	Hungary	NO	Norway
BF	Burkina Faso	IE	Ireland	NZ	New Zealand
BG	Bulgaria	IT	Italy	PL	Poland
BJ	Benin	JP	Japan	PT	Portugal
BR	Brazil	KE	Kenya	RO	Romania
BY	Belarus	KG	Kyrgyzstan	RU	Russian Federation
CA	Canada	KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	SD	Sudan
CF	Central African Republic	KR	Republic of Korea	SE	Sweden
CG	Congo	KZ	Kazakhstan	SG	Singapore
CH	Switzerland	LI	Liechtenstein	SI	Slovenia
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	LK	Sri Lanka	SK	Slovakia
CM	Cameroon	LR	Liberia	SN	Senegal
CN	China	LT	Lithuania	SZ	Swaziland
CS	Czechoslovakia	LU	Luxembourg	TD	Chad
CZ	Czech Republic	LV	Latvia	TG	Togo
DE	Germany	MC	Monaco	TJ	Tajikistan
DK	Denmark	MD	Republic of Moldova	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
EE	Estonia	MG	Madagascar	UA	Ukraine
ES	Spain	ML	Mali	UG	Uganda
FI	Finland	MN	Mongolia	US	United States of America
FR	France	MR	Mauritania	UZ	Uzbekistan
GA	Gabon			VN	Viet Nam

## PRODUCTION OF MYRISTATE IN PLANT CELLS

5 This application is a continuation-in-part of USSN  
08/383,756 filed February 2, 1995.

Technical Field

10 The present invention is directed to nucleic acid  
sequences and constructs, and methods related thereto.

## INTRODUCTION

Background

15 Members of several plant families synthesize large amounts  
of predominantly medium-chain (C8-C14) triglycerides in  
specialized storage tissues, some of which are harvested for  
production of important dietary or industrial medium-chain  
fatty acids containing oils (F.D. Gunstone, *The Lipid Handbook*  
(Chapman & Hall, New York, 1986) pp. 55-112). Lauric oil  
20 (those containing C12:0 fatty acyl groups) and its derivatives  
find widespread use, particularly in the soap, detergent and  
personal care industries.

Over the past several years, mildness has become  
increasingly important in differentiating soaps, detergents  
25 and personal care products, with an emphasis on developing  
surfactants that combine acceptable performance with improved  
mildness. Myristate (C14:0) based surfactants offer an  
excellent combination of cleansing and mildness. However,  
limitations on the supply of myristate have precluded  
30 significant use of these surfactants, despite their functional  
superiority in certain applications. Myristate is available  
only in relatively small quantities as a coproduct of the  
fractionation of lauric oils. Coconut oil contains  
approximately 48% C12:0 and 17% C14:0, and palm kernel oil  
35 contains approximately 51% C12:0 and 18% C14:0. Only a  
fraction of the C14:0 present in these oils, however, is  
available as purified C14:0 (myristate), as most commercial  
"lauric fatty acid/methyl ester" products contain significant  
amounts of myristate, in addition to the primary laurate

component. Thus, myristate based derivatives currently find only limited use in the personal care product industry due to the high cost involved in their production.

5 Literature

Pollard, et al., (Arch. of Biochem. and Biophys. (1991) 284:1-7) identified a medium-chain acyl-ACP thioesterase activity in developing oilseeds of California bay, *Umbellularia californica*. The bay thioesterase was subsequently purified by 10 Davies et al., (Arch. Biochem. Biophys. (1991) 290:37-45) which allowed the cloning of a corresponding cDNA which has been used to modify the triglyceride composition of plants (WO 91/16421 and WO 92/20236).

15 Medium-chain thioesterases from *Cuphea hookeriana* and elm which demonstrated activity on C8 and C10 substrates are described in WO 94/10288. Production of C16 fatty acids in transgenic plants by expression of Class II type thioesterase genes is described in WO 95/13390.

20

**DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES**

Figure 1. The nucleic acid sequence and translated amino acid sequence of *Cuphea palustris* C14:0-ACP thioesterase cDNA clone MCT34 (CpFatB2) are provided.

25 Figure 2. The nucleic acid sequence and translated amino acid sequence of a nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*) Class II type thioesterase, MYRF-1 (MfFatB2), having preferential activity on C14:0-ACP is provided.

30 Figure 3. The nucleic acid sequence and translated amino acid sequence of a nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*) Class II type thioesterase, MYRF-2 (MfFatB1), having preferential activity on C14:0-ACP is provided.

35 Figure 4. Nucleic acid and translated amino acid sequence of a PCR fragment containing the encoding region for the mature protein portion of a camphor Class II acyl-ACP thioesterase is provided.

Figure 5. The nucleic acid sequence and translated amino acid sequence of an elm acyl-ACP thioesterase partial cDNA clone are provided.

Figure 6. The nucleic acid sequence of a *Cuphea hookeriana* CUPH-4 thioesterase cDNA clone, CMT13, is provided.

Figure 7. Nucleic acid sequence of an oleosin expression cassette is provided.

5 Figure 8. Mole % fatty acid composition data from single seeds of *Brassica* plants 3854-3 and 3854-11, expressing a nutmeg FatB thioesterase, are provided.

10 Figure 9. Mole % fatty acid composition data from single seeds of *Brassica* plants 5233-5 (Figure 9A) and 5233-6 (Figure 9B), expressing a camphor FatB thioesterase, are provided.

Figure 10. Mole % fatty acid composition data from single seeds of *Brassica* plants 3863-10, 3863-7, 3863-4, 3863-8, 3863-2 and 3863-5, expressing a *C. palustris* FatB thioesterase, are provided.

15 Figure 11. A graph of the C16 and C14 fatty acid compositions of seeds from *B. napus* plants transformed with C14 thioesterases from *C. palustris*, camphor and nutmeg is provided.

20 Figure 12. Mole % fatty acid composition data from pooled seeds of *Brassica napus* plants transformed with oleosin/*C. palustris* C14 thioesterase (pCGN3864) and oleosin/nutmeg C14 thioesterase (pCGN3857) constructs are provided.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

25 By this invention, plant genes encoding acyl-ACP thioesterases having the ability to act on C14:0-ACP substrate to form C14:0 (myristate) are provided. Depending on the particular thioesterase employed, the production of myristate may be accompanied by the production of increased proportions 30 of other saturated fatty acids, such as C16 (palmitate) and C18 (stearate). The invention encompasses sequences which encode biologically active thioesterases from plants, as well as sequences which are to be used as probes, vectors for transformation or cloning intermediates. Biologically active 35 sequences are preferentially found in a sense orientation with respect to transcriptional regulatory regions found in various constructs. The instant invention pertains to the entire or portions of the genomic sequence or cDNA sequence and to the

thioesterase protein encoded thereby, including precursor or mature plant thioesterases.

Various plant genes encoding thioesterases having the ability to hydrolyze C14:0-ACP substrate are exemplified 5 herein, and may be obtained for example from *Cuphea* species, nutmeg and camphor. The exemplified plant thioesterase sequences may also be used to obtain other related plant thioesterase genes.

Of special interest are recombinant DNA constructs which 10 can provide for the transcription or transcription and translation (expression) of the disclosed protein sequences. In particular, constructs which are capable of transcription or transcription and translation in plant host cells are preferred. Such construct may contain a variety of regulatory 15 regions including transcriptional initiation regions obtained from genes preferentially expressed in plant seed tissue.

In a second aspect, this invention relates to the presence of such constructs in host cells, especially plant host cells, and to a method for producing proteins having C14 acyl-ACP 20 thioesterase activity in a host cell or progeny thereof via the expression of a construct in the cell. In a related aspect, this invention provides transgenic host cells which have an expressed protein having C14 acyl-ACP thioesterase activity therein.

25 In a different embodiment, this invention relates to methods of using a DNA sequence encoding a protein having hydrolysis activity on C14:0 acyl-ACP substrates for the modification of the proportion of fatty acids produced within a cell, especially plant cells. Plant cells having such a 30 modified fatty acid composition are also contemplated herein.

Of particular interest is the modification of the fatty acid composition of storage triglycerides in oilseed plants for increased proportion of C14:0 fatty acyl groups, and in some cases, increases in other saturated fatty acyl groups, such as 35 those having 16 and 18 carbons. In this manner, seeds with modified oils having novel fatty acyl compositions are produced. Such novel seeds and oils are also encompassed by the instant invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

A plant protein capable of hydrolyzing C14 acyl-ACP substrates for use in the instant invention includes any sequence of amino acids, peptide, polypeptide or protein which 5 demonstrates the ability to catalyze the production of free fatty acid(s) from C14:0-ACP substrates under plant enzyme reactive conditions. By "enzyme reactive conditions" is meant that any necessary conditions are available in an environment (i.e., such factors as temperature, pH, lack of inhibiting 10 substances) which will permit the enzyme to function. Such proteins having C14 hydrolysis activity are obtainable from various plant sources and will also demonstrate hydrolysis activity on fatty acyl-ACP of varying chain lengths, including such saturated fatty acids as palmitate (16:0) and in some 15 cases, stearate (18:0).

Of particular interest in the instant application are plant acyl-ACP thioesterases which have hydrolysis activity primarily on C14:0-ACP substrates as compared to other acyl-ACP substrates, including medium- or long-chain acyl-ACP 20 substrates. In this regard, thioesterase encoding sequences obtainable from *Cuphea palustris* are of particular interest in the instant invention. Other plant thioesterases having C14:0-ACP activity are also of interest, so long as the thioesterase demonstrates preferential activity on C14:0-ACP substrates, as 25 compared to other medium-chain acyl-ACP substrates, i.e. those having carbon chain lengths of C8, C10 or C12. Thus, acyl-ACP thioesterases from nutmeg and camphor, which have substantial activity on C14:0-ACP substrates, as well as some activity on longer and other medium-chain substrates, are also encompassed 30 by the instant invention. Thus, it is recognized that plant acyl-ACP thioesterases useful for C14 production may also demonstrate hydrolysis activity on longer chain acyl-ACP substrates, such as those having carbon chain lengths of C16 or C18.

35 In addition to the plant C14:0-ACP thioesterase sequences exemplified herein, acyl-ACP thioesterases from other plant species are also of interest in the instant invention. Target plant species for isolation of genes encoding thioesterase having activity on C14:0-ACP substrates include those which

have been reported to accumulate significant levels of C14 fatty acids, such as *Myristicaceae*, *Simarubaceae*, *Vochysiaceae*, and *Salvadoraceae*, and rainforest species of *Erisma*, *Picramnia* and *Virola*. For isolating C14:0-ACP thioesterase genes, 5 nucleic acid probes may be prepared from C14:0-ACP thioesterase sequences provided herein, or from other plant medium-chain acyl-ACP thioesterase sequences which have been described.

Plant thioesterases, including medium-chain plant thioesterases are described in WO 91/16421 (PCT/US91/02960), WO 10 92/20236 (PCT/US92/04332), WO 94/10288 (PCT/US93/10814), and WO 95/13390 (PCT/US94/13131) which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. Analysis of the encoding sequences and translated amino acid sequences of a number of plant acyl-ACP thioesterases has demonstrated the existence of 15 two evolutionary classes of plant acyl-ACP thioesterases which are designated as "Class I" or "FatA" (for fatty acyl transferase type A) and "Class II" (or "FatB"). These classes are not a simple reflection of phylogenetic relationships of the various plants from which the thioesterase encoding 20 sequences were obtained. For example, a *Cuphea hookeriana* FatA clone (clone CLT7 in Figure 10 of WO 94/10288) is closely related to safflower FatA clones (sequences provided in Figure 4 of WO 92/20236). In contrast, a *Cuphea hookeriana* FatB clone (CUPH-1 clone in Figure 6 of WO 94/10288) is equally distant in 25 evolutionary relationship from the *Cuphea hookeriana* FatA clone and the safflower FatA clone.

Class I thioesterases have been found in mango (Fig.1), safflower, *Brassica campestris* and *Cuphea hookeriana*, which sequences are provided in USSN 07/949,102, filed September 21, 30 1992, now pending, and in WO 92/20236 and WO 94/10288. The plant Class I type thioesterases which have been described to date have preferential activity on longer chain acyl-ACP substrates, particularly 18:1-ACP. Class II thioesterases have been discovered, for example, in California bay, elm, *Cuphea hookeriana*, *Arabidopsis thaliana* and camphor. The plant C14:0 acyl-ACP thioesterases described herein are also of the Class 35 II type. All medium-chain preferring acyl-ACP thioesterases described to date, including those having activity on C14:0, are of the Class II type. Thus, additional plant acyl-ACP

thioesterases having activity on C14:0 substrates may be identified through sequence homology to medium-chain acyl-ACP thioesterases.

For example, a *C. palustris* C14 acyl-ACP thioesterase exemplified herein was obtained by screening a gene library with encoding sequences for medium-chain preferring acyl-ACP thioesterases from *Cuphea hookeriana*. Although the *C. hookeriana* gene sequences encode thioesterases having preferential activity on C8, C10 or C16 fatty acids, the substantial sequence homology within thioesterase genes in various *Cuphea* species allowed for detectable hybridization of the *C palustris* C14 clone to the *C hookeriana* gene probes. For hybridization of C14 thioesterases from plants other than *Cuphea* species, direct hybridization techniques may also be successful under low stringency conditions. For example, nutmeg C14:0-ACP thioesterase clones described herein were obtained by low stringency hybridization screening using a bay C12:0-ACP thioesterase gene fragment as probe. Thus, medium-chain acyl-ACP thioesterase genes from other plant species may be used to identify C14 acyl-ACP thioesterase genes. In addition, highly conserved regions have been identified in various plant medium-chain thioesterase amino acid sequences. Such regions find particular use in identification of additional medium-chain thioesterase genes, including those having preferential activity on C14:0-ACPs, for example by PCR amplification techniques.

As noted above, plants having significant presence of C14:0 fatty acids therein are preferred candidates to obtain naturally-derived C14:0 plant thioesterases. However, it should also be recognized that other plant sources which do not have a significant presence of C14:0 fatty acids may be screened as additional enzyme sources. For example, as discussed herein, a camphor acyl-ACP thioesterase gene was discovered to have preferential hydrolysis activity on C14:0-ACP substrates, with only minor activity on C12:0-ACP substrates, although analysis of camphor seed oil composition indicates significant levels of C12:0 fatty acyl groups and only low levels of C14 fatty acids. Thus, expression of medium-chain acyl-ACP thioesterases in *E. coli* may be used to

identify acyl-ACP thioesterases which find use in production of C14:0 fatty acids in transgenic plant seed oils.

Northern analysis of candidate plant acyl-ACP thioesterase genes may also be useful to identify those having activity on C14:0 fatty acids. In *Cuphea hookeriana*, a clone, CUPH-1, which is expressed at low levels in various plant tissues has been demonstrated to have hydrolytic activity primarily on 16:0 acyl-ACP substrates. A related *C. hookeriana* thioesterase clone, CUPH-2, however, was demonstrated to be highly expressed and seed specific. This CUPH-2 clone was found to have hydrolytic activity primarily on medium-chain acyl-ACP substrates, namely C8 and C10. Similarly, *C. hookeriana* CUPH-4 is highly expressed in a seed specific manner, and as demonstrated further in the Examples herein, may be used to provide for increased production of C14 fatty acids in transformed host cells.

One skilled in the art will readily recognize that antibody preparations, nucleic acid probes (DNA and RNA) and the like may be prepared and used to screen and recover "homologous" or "related" thioesterases from a variety of plant sources. For immunological screening methods, antibody preparations either monoclonal or polyclonal are utilized. For detection, the antibody is labeled using radioactivity or any one of a variety of second antibody/enzyme conjugate systems that are commercially available. Examples of some of the available antibody detection systems are described by Oberfielder (Focus (1989) BRL Life Technologies, Inc., 11:1-5).

For nucleic acid screening methods, genomic or cDNA libraries prepared from a candidate plant source of interest may be probed with conserved sequences from plant thioesterase to identify homologously related sequences. Homologous sequences are found when there is an identity of sequence, which may be determined upon comparison of sequence information, nucleic acid or amino acid, or through hybridization reactions between a known thioesterase and a candidate source. Conservative changes, such as Glu/Asp, Val/Ile, Ser/Thr, Arg/Lys and Gln/Asn may also be considered in determining amino acid sequence homology. Amino acid sequences are considered homologous by as little as 25% sequence identity.

between the two complete mature proteins. (See generally, Doolittle, R.F., *OF URFS and ORFS* (University Science Books, CA, 1986.)

Typically, a lengthy nucleic acid sequence may show as 5 little as 50-60% sequence identity, and more preferably at least about 70% sequence identity, between the target sequence and the given plant thioesterase of interest excluding any deletions which may be present, and still be considered related. When longer nucleic acid fragments (>100 bp) are 10 employed as probes, such as large cDNA fragments, one may screen with low stringencies (for example 40-50°C below the melting temperature of the probe) in order to obtain signal from the target sample with 20-50% deviation, i.e., homologous sequences. (See, Beltz, et al. *Methods in Enzymology* (1983) 15 100:266-285.).

Shorter probes are also useful in thioesterase gene isolation techniques, and find particular applications in polymerase chain reactions (PCR). As described in more details in the following examples, medium-chain thioesterase gene 20 fragments may be obtained by PCR using primers to sequences which are highly conserved in plant medium chain acyl-ACP thioesterase protein sequences.

Using methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art, a DNA sequence encoding a protein having hydrolytic activity on 25 C14:0-ACP substrate can be inserted into constructs which may then be introduced into a host cell of choice for expression of the enzyme, including plant cells for the production of transgenic plants. Thus, potential host cells include both prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. A host cell may be 30 unicellular or found in a multicellular differentiated or undifferentiated organism depending upon the intended use. Cells of this invention may be distinguished by having a protein having hydrolysis activity on C14:0 acyl-ACP substrates foreign to the wild-type cell present therein, for example, by 35 having a recombinant nucleic acid construct encoding a plant thioesterase therein.

Also, depending upon the host, the regulatory regions will vary, including regions from viral, plasmid or chromosomal genes, or the like. For expression in prokaryotic or

eukaryotic microorganisms, particularly unicellular hosts, a wide variety of constitutive or regulatable promoters may be employed. Among transcriptional initiation regions which have been described are regions from bacterial and yeast hosts, such 5 as *E. coli*, *B. subtilis*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, including genes such as beta-galactosidase, T7 polymerase, tryptophan E and the like.

For the most part, when expression in a plant host cell is desired, the constructs will involve regulatory regions 10 (promoters and termination regions) functional in plants. The open reading frame, coding for the protein having hydrolytic activity on C14:0-ACP substrate will be joined at its 5' end to a transcription initiation regulatory region such as the wild-type sequence naturally found 5' upstream to a plant 15 thioesterase structural gene. Numerous other transcription initiation regions are available which provide for a wide variety of constitutive or regulatable, e.g., inducible, transcription of the structural gene functions. Among transcriptional initiation regions used for plants are such 20 regions associated with the structural genes such as for CaMV 35S and nopaline and mannopine synthases, or with napin, ACP promoters and the like. The transcription/translation initiation regions corresponding to such structural genes are found immediately 5' upstream to the respective start codons. 25 If a particular promoter is desired, such as a promoter native to the plant host of interest or a modified promoter, i.e., having transcription initiation regions derived from one gene source and translation initiation regions derived from a different gene source, including the sequence encoding the 30 plant thioesterase of interest, or enhanced promoters, such as double 35S CaMV promoters, the sequences may be joined together using standard techniques. For most applications desiring the expression of C14:0-ACP thioesterases in plants, the use of seed specific promoters is preferred. 35 For some applications, expression of other proteins in conjunction with expression of C14:0-ACP thioesterase may be desired. For example, as described in further detail in the following examples, expression of C14:0-ACP thioesterase results in C14 levels of up to 40 mole percent may be obtained,

analysis of the *sn*-1, 2 and 3 positions of the triglycerides indicates limited incorporation of C14 into the *sn*-2 position. Expression of a medium-chain preferring lysophosphatidic acid acyl transferase (LPAAT) in combination with a C14:0-ACP

5 thioesterase results in increased incorporation of C14 into the *sn*-2 position. A plant medium-chain preferring LPAAT is described in international patent application number PCT/95/03997 (published as WO 95/27791), which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

10 When expression of the proteins of the instant invention is desired in plant cells, various plants of interest include, but are not limited to, rapeseed (Canola varieties, including low linolenic lines, and High Erucic Acid varieties), sunflower, safflower, cotton, Cuphea, soybean, peanut, coconut 15 and oil palms, and corn. Depending on the method for introducing the recombinant constructs into the host cell, other DNA sequences may be required. Importantly, this invention is applicable to dicotyledyons and monocotyledons species alike and will be readily applicable to new and/or 20 improved transformation and regulation techniques.

In any event, the method of transformation is not critical to the instant invention; various methods of plant transformation are currently available. As newer methods are available to transform crops, they may be directly applied 25 hereunder. For example, many plant species naturally susceptible to *Agrobacterium* infection may be successfully transformed via tripartite or binary vector methods of *Agrobacterium* mediated transformation. In addition, techniques of microinjection, DNA particle bombardment, electroporation 30 have been developed which allow for the transformation of various monocot and dicot plant species.

The C14 fatty acids produced in the transgenic host cells of this invention are useful in various commercial applications, and will find particular use, for example, in the 35 detergent industry. Oils containing varying amounts of C14 and C16 fatty acids essentially in the *sn*-1 and *sn*-3 positions may find use in food applications, such as for shortenings.

The following examples are provided by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

## EXAMPLES

Example 1 Acyl-ACP Thioesterase SequencesA. *Cuphea hookeriana*

5 DNA sequences corresponding to *Cuphea* thioesterase peptide regions are obtained by PCR using degenerate oligonucleotides designed from peptide fragments from conserved regions of plant thioesterases described in WO 92/20236. A forward primer, TECU9, contains 17 nucleotides corresponding to all possible 10 coding sequences for amino acids 176-181 of the bay and camphor thioesterase proteins. A reverse primer, TECU3A, contains 18 nucleotides corresponding to the complement of all possible coding sequences for amino acids 283-288 of the bay and camphor thioesterase proteins. In addition, the forward and reverse 15 primers contain *Bam*HI or *Xho*I restriction sites, respectively, at the 5' end, and the reverse primer contains an inosine nucleotide at the 3' end. The safflower, bay and camphor sequences diverge at two amino acid positions in the forward primer region, and at one amino acid residue in the reverse 20 primer region. The degeneracy of oligonucleotide primers is such that they could encode the safflower, bay and camphor sequences.

Polymerase chain reaction samples (100 $\mu$ l) are prepared using reverse transcribed *Cuphea hookeriana* RNA as template and 25 1 $\mu$ M of each of the oligonucleotide primers. PCR products are analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis, and an approximately 300bp DNA fragment, the predicted size from the thioesterase peptide sequences, is observed. The DNA fragment, designated C93A (*Cuphea*) is isolated and cloned into a convenient plasmid 30 vector using the PCR-inserted *Bam*HI and *Xho*I restriction digest sites. DNA sequence of representative clones is obtained. Analysis of these sequences indicates that at least two different, but homologous *Cuphea hookeriana* cDNAs were amplified.

35 Total *Cuphea* RNA for cDNA library construction may be isolated from developing *Cuphea hookeriana* embryos by modifying the DNA isolation method of Webb and Knapp (*Plant Mol. Biol. Reporter* (1990) 8:180-195). Buffers include:

REC: 50mM TrisCl pH 9, 0.7 M NaCl, 10 mM EDTA pH8, 0.5% CTAB.

REC+: Add B-mercaptoethanol to 1% immediately prior to use.

5 RECp: 50 mM TrisCl pH9, 10 mM EDTA pH8, and 0.5% CTAB

RECp+: Add B-mercaptoethanol to 1% immediately prior to use.

For extraction of 1 g of tissue, 10ml of REC+ and 0.5 g of 10 PVPP is added to tissue that has been ground in liquid nitrogen and homogenized. The homogenized material is centrifuged for 10 min at 1200 rpm. The supernatant is poured through miracloth onto 3ml cold chloroform and homogenized again. After 15 centrifugation, 12,000 RPM for 10 min, the upper phase is taken and its volume determined. An equal volume of RECp+ is added and the mixture is allowed to stand for 20 min. at room temperature. The material is centrifuged for 20 min. at 10,000 rpm twice and the supernatant is discarded after each spin. 20 The pellet is dissolved in 0.4 ml of 1 M NaCl (DEPC) and extracted with an equal volume of phenol/chloroform. Following ethanol precipitation, the pellet is dissolved in 1 ml of DEPC water. Poly (A) RNA may be isolated from this total RNA 25 according to Maniatis et al. (*Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual* (1982) Cold Springs Harbor, New York). cDNA libraries may be constructed in commercially available plasmid or phage vectors.

Thioesterase encoding fragments obtained by PCR as described above are labeled and used to screen *Cuphea* cDNA libraries to isolate thioesterase cDNAs. Preliminary DNA 30 sequence of a *Cuphea* cDNA clone TAA 342 is presented in Figure X. Translated amino acid sequence of the *Cuphea* clone from the presumed mature N-terminus (based on homology to the bay thioesterase) is shown.

The sequence is preliminary and does not reveal a single 35 open reading frame in the 5' region of the clone. An open reading frame believed to represent the mature protein sequence is shown below the corresponding DNA sequence. The N-terminal amino acid was selected based on homology to the bay thioesterase protein.

Additional *Cuphea hookeriana* cDNA clones were obtained by screening a cDNA library prepared using a Uni-ZAP (Stratagene) phage library cloning system. The library was screening using radiolabeled TAA 342 DNA. The library was hybridized at 42°C using 30% formamide, and washing was conducted at low stringency (room temperature with 1X SSC, 0.1% SDS). Numerous thioesterase clones were identified and DNA sequences determined. Three classes of *Cuphea* cDNA clones have been identified. The original TAA 342 clone discussed above is representative of CUPH-1 type clones which have extensive regions of homology to other plant medium-chain preferring acyl-ACP thioesterases. Nucleic acid sequence and translated amino acid sequence of a CUPH-1 clone, CMT9, is shown in Figure 6 of WO 94/10288. The mature protein is believed to begin either at or near the leucine at amino acid position 88, or the leucine at amino acid position 112. Northern analysis of RNA isolated from various *Cuphea hookeriana* plant tissues indicates that the CUPH-1 gene is expressed at a low level in all *Cuphea hookeriana* plant tissues examined.

A second class of *Cuphea* thioesterase cDNAs is identified as CUPH-2. These cDNAs also demonstrate extensive homology to other plant medium-chain acyl-ACP thioesterases. Expression of a representative clone, CMT7, in *E. coli* demonstrated that CUPH-2 clones encode a medium-chain preferring acyl-ACP thioesterase protein having preferential activity towards C8 and C10 acyl-ACP substrates. DNA sequence and translated amino acid sequence of CMT7 is shown in Figure 7 of WO 94/10288.

Preliminary DNA sequence from the 5' end of an additional *Cuphea hookeriana* clone, CMT13, is shown in Figure 6 herein. Although CMT13 demonstrates extensive sequence identity with CMT7, DNA sequence alignment reveals several gaps, which together total approximately 48 nucleotides, where the CMT13 clone is missing sequences present in the CMT7 clone. CMT13 is also referred to as a CUPH-4 clone. Northern analysis of RNA isolated from various *Cuphea hookeriana* plant tissues indicates that CUPH-2 and CUPH-4 genes are highly expressed in developing seed tissues. Expression of the CUPH-2 and CUPH-4 clones in other *C. hookeriana* tissues, such as leaves, was not detected.

WO 96/23892

DNA sequence of an additional clone, CMT10, is shown in Figure 9 of WO 94/10288. CMT10 has greater than 90% sequence identity with CMT9, but less than the approximately 99% sequence identity noted in fragments from other CUPH-1 type clones. CMT10 is also referred to as a CUPH-5 type clone.

5 B. *Cuphea palustris*

Total RNA is isolated from developing seeds of *C. palustris* as described above for *C. hookeriana*. A lambda ZipLox (BRL; Gaithersburg, MD) cDNA library containing 10 approximately  $6 \times 10^6$  pfu is constructed from total RNA. Approximately 500,000 plaques from the unamplified library are screened using a mixed probe containing the thioesterase coding regions from *Cuphea hookeriana* CUPH-1 (CMT-9), CUPH-2 (CMT-7) and CUPH-5 (CMT-10). (DNA sequences of these clones are 15 provided in WO 94/10288). Low stringency hybridization conditions are used: hybridization is conducted at room temperature in a solution of 30% formamide and 2X SSC (1X SSC = 0.15 M NaCl; 0.015 M Na citrate). Eighty two putative positive clones were identified, thirty of which were plaque purified.

20 The nucleic acid sequence and translated amino acid sequence of clone designated as MCT34 is provided in Figure 1. The translated amino acid sequence of this clone is approximately 80% identical to the sequence of a *Cuphea hookeriana* CUPH-4 clone (CMT-13 in Figure 8 of WO 94/10288).

25 C. Nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*)

Total RNA is isolated from developing nutmeg seeds as described above for *Cuphea* species. A lambda Zap (Stratagene; La Jolla, CA) cDNA library is constructed from total RNA. A 30 *Bam*HI/*Pst*I fragment of pCGN3822 containing approximately 900bp of a bay thioesterase C12 preferring acyl-ACP thioesterase encoding sequence (Figure 1 of WO 94/10288) is radiolabeled and used as a probe of the nutmeg cDNA library under the following hybridization conditions: overnight hybridization at 30°C in 50% formamide, 2X SSC, 5% dextran sulfate. The hybridized 35 filters are washed at 30°C in 0.1% SSC, 0.1%SDS and autoradiographed. Five putative positive clones were identified, three of which contain the sequence shown in Figure 3, and are designated MYRF-2 or MfFatB1, and one of which contained the sequence shown in Figure 2, and which is

designated MYRF-1 or MfFatB2. Sequence of the other putative positive clone indicated that it did not encode an acyl-ACP thioesterase.

Sequence analysis of the MYRF-1 and MYRF-2 clones 5 indicates that MYRF-1 is substantially a truncated version of MYRF-2, the initial proline residue of MYRF-1 corresponds to amino acid 97 of the MYRF-2 sequence. Another major difference in these clones is seen at the 3' end of the thioesterase encoding regions. The MYRF-1 clone lacks the TAG stop codon at 10 nucleotides 1624-1626 of the MYRF-2 sequence, and thus the translated amino acid sequence of MYRF-1 extends into the MYRF-2 3' untranslated region until the next available in frame stop codon is reached (TGA at nucleotides 1087-1089 of MYRF-1).

D. Camphor (*Cinnamomum camphora*)

15 DNA sequence and translated amino acid sequence of a Class II camphor thioesterase encoding region generated by PCR is provided in Figure 5B of WO 92/20236. A DNA fragment containing the mature protein region of the camphor clone is obtained by PCR from reverse transcribed cDNA prepared using 20 RNA from developing camphor embryos. Forward (sense) and reverse (antisense) PCR primers, #4164 and #4165, are prepared which contain sequences useful for cloning using the CLONEAMP™ system (GIBCO BRL; Gaithersburg, MD). Oligonucleotide 4164 contains a 20 nucleotide region corresponding to the camphor 25 thioesterase encoding sequence of nucleotides 119-138 of the sequence in Figure 5B of WO 92/20236. Oligonucleotide 4165 contains a 20 nucleotide region complementary to the camphor thioesterase 3' untranslated sequence represented as nucleotides 1391-1410 of Figure 5B in WO 92/20236. The 30 sequences of 4164 and 4165 are as follows:

#4164 5' CUACUACUACUATCGATACCATCTTTCGGCTGCTGA 3'  
#4165 5' CAUCAUCAUCAUGAGCTCGCAAGAGAAAGAGCTTACAG 3'.

35 DNA sequence and translated amino acid sequence of a camphor PCR fragment obtained by PCR with 4164 and 4165 are provided in Figure 4. The sequence begins at the *Xba*I site located at the beginning of the mature protein encoding region of the camphor thioesterase.

Example 2 - Expression of C14:0 Acyl-ACP Thioesterases  
in *E. coli*

A. *Cuphea palustris*

5 Constructs for expression of a *Cuphea palustris* acyl-ACP thioesterase encoding sequence in *E. coli* are prepared. cDNA clone MCT34 is used as template for a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to insert a *Stu*I site 5' to the presumed mature protein start site located at amino acid 108 of the sequence shown in  
10 Figure 1. A forward primer for PCR, MCT34F1, contains DNA sequence corresponding to nucleotides 437-454 of the *C. palustris* sequence shown in Figure 1, as well as sequences for insertion of *Sph*I and *Stu*I restriction digestion sites. An M13 sequencing primer referred to as "M13 Forward" is used for  
15 priming the reverse, or antisense, reaction. Sequence of the PCR primers are as follows:

MCT34F1 5' CUACUACUACUAGAATTCGCATGCAGGCCTATGCTTGACCGGAAATCT 3'  
M13 Forward 5' GTTTTCCCAGTCACGAC 3'.

20 The resulting PCR product is cloned as a *Stu*I/*Xba*I fragment into pUC118, resulting in clone MCT34LZ, which provides for expression of the *C. palustris* thioesterase in *E. coli* as a lacZ fusion protein.

25 An additional construct for expression of the *C. palustris* thioesterase cDNA clone MCT34 in *E. coli* is prepared using a Qiagen (Chatsworth, CA) pQE vector which provides for high level expression and protein purification capability through a histidine tag. The DNA product resulting from PCR using the  
30 MCT34F1 and M13 Forward primers described above, is digested with *Sph*I and *Sna*BI and cloned into *Sph*I and *Sma*I digested pQE30 (Qiagen), resulting in MCT34HT.

MCT34LZ is transformed into *E. coli* fadD, an *E. coli* mutant which lacks medium-chain specific acyl-CoA synthetase (Overath et al., Eur. J. Biochem (1969) 7:559-574) for analysis of lipid composition. Cells containing the thioesterase construct, and a similar culture of control cells are grown at 30°C to an OD<sub>600</sub> of ~0.5. Induction of the thioesterase expression may be achieved by the addition of IPTG to 0.2 to

0.4 mM followed by further growth for 30 to 120 minutes. For slow growing cultures, longer growth periods may be required following addition of IPTG. A 4.5ml sample of the *E. coli* cells is transferred into a 15ml glass vial with a teflon-lined cap. 5 100 $\mu$ l of a 1mg/ml standards solution containing 1mg/ml each of C11:0 free fatty acid, C15:0 free fatty acid, and C17:0 TAG in 1:1 chloroform/methanol is added to the sample, followed by addition of 200 $\mu$ l of glacial acetic acid and 10ml of 1:1 chloroform/methanol. The samples are vortexed to mix 10 thoroughly and centrifuged for 5 minutes at 1000rpm for complete phase separation. The lower (chloroform) phase is carefully removed and transferred to a clean flask appropriate for use in a rotary evaporator (Rotovap). The sample is evaporated to near dryness. As medium-chain fatty acids appear 15 to evaporate preferentially after solvent is removed, it is important to use just enough heat to maintain the vials at room temperature and not completely remove the chloroform. The liquid residue is measured and transferred to a 2ml glass vial with a Teflon cap. The vial used in the rotary evaporator is 20 washed with chloroform/methanol, and the chloroform/methanol sample is pooled with the liquid residue (total volume of 600 $\mu$ l).

For analysis of total fatty acids, a 100 $\mu$ l aliquot of the sample is methanolyzed by adding 1 ml of 5% sulfuric acid in 25 methanol, transferring the samples to a 5ml vial, and incubating the sample in a 90°C water bath for 2 hours. The sample is allowed to cool, after which 1ml of 0.9% NaCl and 300 $\mu$ l of hexane are added. The sample is vortexed to mix thoroughly and centrifuged at 1000rpm for 5 minutes. The top 30 (hexane) layer is carefully removed and placed in a plastic autosampler vial with a glass cone insert, followed by capping of the vial with a crimp seal.

For analysis of free fatty acids, the following TLC procedure for separation of free fatty acids from phospholipids 35 (Cho and Cronan (1994) *J. Bacterial.* 1793-1795) is applied prior to methanolysis as described above. A 100 $\mu$ l aliquot of the rotary evaporator residue and wash solution described above is applied to two lanes (50 $\mu$ l/lane) of a silica-G TLC plate. The plates are developed in petroleum ether/ether/acetic acid

(70/30/2, v/v) for approximately 15-20 minutes. The phospholipids remain at the origin, while the neutral lipids migrate close to the solvent front. Lipids are stained with iodine very briefly, marked and the silica from the marked 5 areas transferred to Teflon-capped 2ml tubes. The respective areas from the two lanes are pooled, and the samples are methanolized as described above.

Samples are analyzed by gas-liquid chromatography (GC) using a temperature program to enhance the separation of 10 components having 10 or fewer carbons. The temperature program used provides for a temperature of 140°C for 3 minutes, followed by a temperature increase of 5°C/minute until 230°C is reached, and 230°C is maintained for 11 minutes. Samples are 15 analyzed on a Hewlett-Packard 5890 (Palo Alto, CA) gas chromatograph. Fatty acid content calculations are based on the internal standards. Results are presented in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1

20 Free Fatty Acids (nmol/ml) in *E. coli* (fadD)

Strain	12:0	14:0	14:1	16:0	16:1	18:1
Control	1.87	0.54	0.0	1.70	0.0	0.0
MCT34LZ	2.41	8.83	19	2.96	0.0	0.0

30 The above results demonstrate a substantial increase in the production of 14:0 and 14:1 fatty acids in cells transformed with the *C. palustris* MCT34LZ clone.

B. *C. hookeriana* CUPH-4

35 A construct for expression of *C. hookeriana* CUPH-4 thioesterase in *E. coli* as a lacZ fusion is also prepared using PCR and cloning techniques such as described above for preparation of *C. palustris* constructs.

C. Nutmeg

40 Constructs for expression of two nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*) Class II type thioesterases, MYRF-1 (MfFatB2) and MYRF-2 (MfFatB1), in *E. coli* as lacZ fusion proteins are prepared. MfFatB1 and MfFatB2 are digested with *Sall* and *Xhol*

to excise the clone fragments containing the thioesterase encoding sequence from amino acid 131 of the MfFatB1 sequence (Figure 3), or amino acid 35 of the MfFatB2 sequence (Figure 2), through the 3' ends of the cDNA clones. The excised 5 thioesterase encoding fragments are inserted into *Sall* digested pUC8 resulting in pCGN3856 (MfFatB1) and pCGN3855 (MfFatB2). These constructs encode *lacZ* fusions of the approximate mature thioesterase protein sequence (amino acid 130 of the MfFatB1 preprotein was selected as the mature protein N-terminus by 10 homology to bay thioesterase protein).

15 The fusion proteins are expressed in *fad*<sup>+</sup> and *fadD* strains of *E. coli* K12. Analysis of total fatty acids in liquid cultures of MYRF-1 and MYRF-2 transformed K27(*fadD*) after overnight growth at 30°C are provided in Table 2 below.

15 D. Camphor

The camphor PCR fragment described above is cloned into a pAMP vector resulting in pCGN5219. pCGN5219 is digested with *Xba*I and *Sall* and the resulting camphor thioesterase fragment is cloned into *Xba*I and *Sall* digested pBCSK+ (Stratagene), 20 resulting in pCGN5220. pCGN5220 is used to transform *E. coli* *fadD* for analysis of lipid composition as described above. Results of these analyses are provided in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2

25 Total Fatty Acids (nmol/ml) in *E. coli* (*fadD*)

	Strain	12:0	14:0	14:1	16:0	16:1	18:1
30	Control	3	19	2	141	59	42
	MYRF-1	19	277	19	121	299	54
35	MYRF-2	32	240	31	47	296	17
	CINC-1	99	195	204	43	102	26
	CUPH-4	3	217	0	277	107	112

40

In comparison to the control, 14:0 and 16:1 fatty acids are drastically elevated for the nutmeg, camphor and *C. hookeriana* clones. Increases in 12:0 and 14:1 are also observed with the nutmeg and camphor clones, and increases in

16:0 and 18:1 are also seen with the *C. hookeriana* CUPH-4 clone.

E. Assay for Thioesterase Activity

For thioesterase activity assays, *E. coli* cells containing the acyl-ACP thioesterase constructs, and a similar culture of control cells are grown at 30°C to an OD<sub>600</sub> of ~0.5. Induction of thioesterase expression in lacZ fusion constructs may be achieved by the addition of IPTG to 0.4 mM followed by 1 or 2 hours further growth. For slow growing cultures, longer growth periods may be required following addition of IPTG.

A ten-ml aliquot of each culture (containing cells plus the culture medium) is assayed for specific activity towards various carbon chain length acyl-ACP substrates as follows. Cells are harvested by centrifugation, resuspended in 0.5 ml assay buffer and lysed by sonication. Cell debris may be removed by further centrifugation. The supernatant is then used in thioesterase activity assays as per Pollard et al., *Arch. Biochem & Biophys.* (1991) 281:306-312. Results of thioesterase activity assays on Cuphea, nutmeg and camphor thioesterase clones using 8:0, 10:0, 12:0, 14:0, 16:0, 18:0 and 18:1 acyl-ACP substrates are provided in Table 3 below. Results are presented as relative activity of the thioesterase expressing cells compared to control cells.

25

TABLE 3

Relative Activity (TE/Control)

	<u>Strain</u>	8:0	10:0	12:0	14:0	16:0	18:0	18:1
30	MCT34HT	0.9	0.8	1.0	42.8	21.8	1.5	
	MYRF-1	1.1	1.4	1.8	13.6	13.3	5.5	13.6
35	MYRF-2	0.9	0.9	0.8	4.2	6.6	2.8	10.9
	CINC-1		1.3	1.9	8.9	2.0	1.1	1.1

Substantial increases in the hydrolysis activity on 14:0 and 16:0 relative to the control cells are observed with *C. palustris* MCT34HT transformed cells. Cells transformed with the nutmeg MYRF-1 and MYRF-2 clones also demonstrate substantial increases in activity on 14:0 and 16:0 substrates.

as well as less substantial increases with 18:0 and 18:1. Expression of the camphor CINC-1 clone results mainly in increased activity on 14:0, although a lesser increase in 16:0 hydrolysis activity is also observed.

5

Example 3 - Constructs for Plant Transformation

A. Napin Expression Cassette

A napin expression cassette, pCGN1808, is described in copending US Patent Application serial number 07/742,834 which 10 is incorporated herein by reference. pCGN1808 is modified to contain flanking restriction sites to allow movement of only the expression sequences and not the antibiotic resistance marker to binary vectors. Synthetic oligonucleotides containing *Kpn*I, *Not*I and *Hind*III restriction sites are annealed and 15 ligated at the unique *Hind*III site of pCGN1808, such that only one *Hind*III site is recovered. The resulting plasmid, pCGN3200 contains unique *Hind*III, *Not*I and *Kpn*I restriction sites at the 3'-end of the napin 3'-regulatory sequences as confirmed by sequence analysis.

20 The majority of the napin expression cassette is subcloned from pCGN3200 by digestion with *Hind*III and *Sac*I and ligation to *Hind*III and *Sac*I digested pIC19R (Marsh, et al. (1984) Gene 32:481-485) to make pCGN3212. The extreme 5'-sequences of the napin promoter region are reconstructed by PCR using pCGN3200 25 as a template and two primers flanking the *Sac*I site and the junction of the napin 5'-promoter and the pUC backbone of pCGN3200 from the pCGN1808 construct. The forward primer contains *Cla*I, *Hind*III, *Not*I, and *Kpn*I restriction sites as well as nucleotides 408-423 of the napin 5'-sequence (from the 30 *Eco*RV site) and the reverse primer contains the complement to napin sequences 718-739 which include the unique *Sac*I site in the 5'-promoter. The PCR was performed using in a Perkin Elmer/Cetus thermocycler according to manufacturer's specifications. The PCR fragment is subcloned as a blunt-ended 35 fragment into pUC8 (Vieira and Messing (1982) Gene 19:259-268) digested with *Hinc*II to give pCGN3217. Sequenced of pCGN3217 across the napin insert verifies that no improper nucleotides were introduced by PCR. The napin 5-sequences in pCGN3217 are ligated to the remainder of the napin expression cassette by

digestion with *Cla*I and *Sac*I and ligation to pCGN3212 digested with *Cla*I and *Sac*I. The resulting expression cassette pCGN3221, is digested with *Hind*III and the napin expression sequences are gel purified away and ligated to pIC20H (Marsh, 5 *supra*) digested with *Hind*III. The final expression cassette is pCGN3223, which contains in an ampicillin resistant background, essentially identical 1.725 napin 5' and 1.265 3' regulatory sequences as found in pCGN1808. The regulatory regions are flanked with *Hind*III, *Not*I and *Kpn*I restriction sites and 10 unique *Sal*I, *Bgl*III, *Pst*I, and *Xho*I cloning sites are located between the 5' and 3' noncoding regions.

#### B. Oleosin Expression Cassette

A cassette for cloning of sequences for transcription under the regulation of 5' and 3' regions from an oleosin gene 15 may be prepared. Sequence of a *Brassica napus* oleosin gene is provided by Lee and Huang (*Plant Phys.* (1991) 96:1395-1397). Primers to the published sequence are used in PCR reactions to obtain the 5' and 3' regulatory regions of an oleosin gene from *Brassica napus* cv. Westar. Two PCR reactions were performed, 20 one to amplify approximately 950 nucleotides immediately upstream of the ATG start codon for the oleosin gene, and one to PCR amplify approximately 600 bp including and downstream of the TAA stop codon for the oleosin gene. The PCR products were cloned into plasmid vector pAMP1 (BRL) according to 25 manufacturer's protocols to yield plasmids pCGN7629 which contains the oleosin 5' flanking region and pCGN7630 which contains the 3' flanking region. The PCR primers included convenient restriction sites for cloning the 5' and 3' flanking regions together into an expression cassette. A *Pst*I fragment 30 containing the 5' flanking region from pCGN7629 was cloned into *Pst*I digested pCGN7630 to yield plasmid pCGN7634. The *Bss*HII (New England BioLabs) fragment from pCGN7634, which contains the entire oleosin expression cassette was cloned into *Bss*HII digested pBCSK+ (Stratagene) to provide the oleosin cassette in 35 a plasmid, pCGN7636. Sequence of the oleosin cassette in pCGN7636 is provided in Figure 7. The oleosin cassette is flanked by *Bss*HII, *Kpn*I and *Xba*I restriction sites, and contains *Sal*I, *Bam*HI and *Pst*I sites for insertion of wax

synthase, reductase, or other DNA sequences of interest between the 5' and 3' oleosin regions.

C. *C. palustris* Acyl-ACP Thioesterase Expression Constructs  
Constructs for expression of *C. palustris* thioesterase

5 cDNA clone MCT34 in plant seeds under the regulatory control of napin and oleosin regulatory regions are prepared as follows. The thioesterase encoding region from MCT34 is obtained by PCR amplification using oligonucleotides for insertion of a *Sal*I site 5' to the ATG start codon, and an *Nsi*I site immediately 3' 10 to the MCT34 translation stop codon. The oligonucleotide primers for PCR contained the *Sal*I site (CpMet-1 forward primer) and the *Nsi*I site (CpStop-1 reverse primer). In addition, the primers contain "CAU" (forward primer) and "CUA" (reverse primer) repeat sequences for cloning using the 15 CLONEAMP™ system. Sequence of the PCR primers is as follows:

CpMet-1 5' CAUCAUCAUCAUGTCGACAAACATGGTGGCTGCCGCAG 3'  
CpStop-1 5' CUACUACUACUAATGCATTACTAAGATATAGAGTTCCATTG 3'.

20 The resulting PCR product is cloned into pAMP and the DNA sequence determined to verify the PCR products.

The *C. palustris* thioesterase pAMP clone (pCGN3860) is digested with *Sal*I and *Nsi*I and the thioesterase encoding fragment isolated and cloned into *Sal*I/*Pst*I digested pCGN3223 25 (napin expression cassette) or pCGN7636 (oleosin expression cassette), resulting in pCGN3861 and pCGN3862, respectively.

Binary vectors for plant transformation with the *C. palustris* expression constructs are prepared by digestion of pCGN3861 and pCGN3862 with *Asp*718 and insertion of the 30 resulting fragments into *Asp*718 digested pCGN1578 (McBride et al. (1990) *Plant Mol. Biol.* 14:269-276), resulting in pCGN3863 and pCGN3864, respectively.

D. Nutmeg Acyl-ACP Thioesterase Expression Construct  
Constructs for expression of nutmeg thioesterase cDNA 35 clone MfFatB1 (pCGN3856 or MYRF-2) in plant seeds under the regulatory control of napin and oleosin regulatory regions are prepared as follows. The thioesterase encoding region from MfFatB1 is obtained by PCR amplification using oligonucleotides for insertion of a *Bam*HI site 5' to the ATG start codon, and an

XhoI site 3' to the MfFatB1 translation stop codon. The oligonucleotide primers for PCR contained the BamHI site (forward or sense primer) and the XhoI site (reverse or antisense primer). In addition, the primers contain "CAU" 5 (forward primer) and "CUA" (reverse primer) repeat sequences for cloning using the CLONEAMP™ system. Sequence of the PCR primers is as follows:

10 Sense 5' CAUCAUCAUCAUGGATCCCTCATGGTGGCACATCTGC 3'  
Antisense 5' CUACUACUACUACTGAGTTACATTTGGCTATGC 3'.

The resulting PCR product is cloned into pAMP and the DNA sequence determined to verify the PCR products.

15 The nutmeg thioesterase pAMP clone (TA431) is digested with XhoI and partially digested with BamHI. The thioesterase encoding fragment is isolated (1.3kb band) and cloned into BglII/Xho digested pCGN3223 (napin expression cassette), resulting in pCGN3868. A binary vector for plant transformation with the nutmeg expression construct is prepared 20 by digestion of pCGN3868 with Asp718, and insertion of the resulting napin 5'/nutmeg TE/ napin 3' fragment (4.2kb) into pCGN1578PASS at the Asp718 site. [pCGN1578PASS is prepared from pCGN1578 (McBride et al., supra) by substitution of the pCGN1578 polylinker region with a polylinker region containing 25 the following restriction sites: Asp718, Asc, Pac, Swa, Sse and HindIII.] The resulting construct, pCGN3854, is used for plant transformation for production of C14 fatty acids.

30 A construct for expression of the nutmeg thioesterase under the regulatory control of an oleosin promoter is prepared 35 as follows. pCGN3868 (napin 5'/nutmeg TE/napin 3' expression construct described above) is digested with SalI and EcoRV, and the resulting fragment, containing the nutmeg thioesterase encoding region joined in the 5' to 3' orientation to the napin 3' regulatory region, is inserted into SalI and EcoRV digested pCGN7636 (oleosin expression cassette described above). The resulting construct, pCGN3858, contains an oleosin 5'/nutmeg TE/ napin 3'/oleosin 3' construct. pCGN3858 is digested with Asp718 and partially digested with BamHI to produce an ~2.6kb fragment containing the oleosin 5', nutmeg thioesterase

encoding region, and ~320 nucleotides of the napin 3' regulatory region. The 2.6kb fragment is cloned into *Asp718/Bam*HI digested pCGN1578, resulting in pCGN3857, a binary vector for plant transformation and expression of the nutmeg thioesterase.

5 E. Camphor Acyl-ACP Thioesterase Expression Construct

A construct for expression of camphor thioesterase under the regulatory control of a napin promoter is described. A transit peptide encoding sequence for bay thioesterase is 10 obtained by digestion of pCGN3826 (bay C12 preferring acyl-ACP thioesterase clone described in WO 92/20236) with *Xba*I and *Sal*I generating a DNA fragment having a plasmid vector backbone and the bay transit peptide encoding sequence (*Xba*I site is at beginning of mature bay protein encoding region). pCGN5220 15 (Example 2D) is digested with *Xba*I and *Sal*I to obtain the camphor mature TE encoding region. The pCGN5220 and pCGN3826 *Sal*I/*Xba*I fragments are ligated to produce pCGN5231. pCGN5231 is digested with *Bam*HI and *Sal*I, and the resulting bay transit::camphor mature encoding fragment is inserted into 20 *Bgl*II/*Xho*I digested pCGN3223 (napin expression cassette), resulting in pCGN5232. pCGN5232 was digested with *Not*I and, with Klenow to produce blunt ends, and the resulting napin 5'/bay transit::camphor mature/napin 3' fragment is inserted into *Hind*III digested and Klenow-blunted pCGN1578. The 25 resulting construct, pCGN5233, is a binary vector for plant transformation and expression of camphor thioesterase.

Example 4 Plant Transformation

A. Brassica Transformation

30 *Brassica* species may be transformed as reported by Radke et al. (*Plant Cell Reports* (1992) 11:499-505; *Theor. Appl. Genet.* (1988) 75:685-694), or as described in detail below.

*Brassica napus* seeds are soaked in 95% ethanol for 2 min. surface sterilized in a 1.0% solution of sodium hypochlorite 35 containing a drop of Tween 20 for 45 min., and rinsed three times in sterile, distilled water. Seeds are then plated in Magenta boxes with 1/10th concentration of Murashige minimal organics medium (Gibco; Grand Island, NY) supplemented with pyridoxine (50 $\mu$ g/l), nicotinic acid (50 $\mu$ g/l), glycine

WO 96/23892

(200 $\mu$ g/l), and 0.6% Phytagar (Gibco) pH 5.8. Seeds are germinated in a Percival chamber at 22°C. in a 16 h photoperiod with cool fluorescent and red light of intensity approximately 65 $\mu$  Einsteins per square meter per second ( $\mu$ Em $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ ).

5       Hypocotyls are excised from 5-7 day old seedlings, cut into pieces approximately 4mm in length, and plated on feeder plates (Horsch et al., *Science* (1985) 227:1229-1231). Feeder plates are prepared one day before use by plating 1.0ml of a tobacco suspension culture onto a petri plate (100x25mm) 10 containing about 30ml MS salt base (Carolina Biological, Burlington, NC) 100mg/l inositol, 1.3mg/l thiamine-HCl, 200mg KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> with 3% sucrose, 2,4-D (1.0mg/l), 0.6% w/v Phytagar, and pH adjusted to 5.8 prior to autoclaving (MS 0/1/0 medium). A sterile filter paper disc (Whatman 3mm) is placed on top of the 15 feeder layer prior to use. Tobacco suspension cultures are subcultured weekly by transfer of 10ml of culture into 100ml fresh MS medium as described for the feeder plates with 2,4-D (0.2mg/l), Kinetin (0.1mg/l). In experiments where feeder cells are not used hypocotyl explants are cut and placed onto a 20 filter paper disc on top of MS0/1/0 medium. All hypocotyl explants are preincubated on feeder plates for 24 h. at 22°C in continuous light of intensity 30 $\mu$ Em $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$  to 65 $\mu$ EM $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ .

Single colonies of *A. tumefaciens* strain EHA 101 containing a binary plasmid are transferred to 5ml MG/L broth 25 and grown overnight at 30°C. Hypocotyl explants are immersed in 7-12ml MG/L broth with bacteria diluted to 1x10<sup>8</sup> bacteria/ml and after 10-25 min. are placed onto feeder plates. Per liter MG/L broth contains 5g mannitol, 1g L-Glutamic acid or 1.15g sodium glutamate, 0.25g KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 0.10g NaCl, 0.10g MGSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O, 30 1mg biotin, 5g tryptone, and 2.5g yeast extract, and the broth is adjusted to pH 7.0. After 48 hours of co-incubation with *Agrobacterium*, the hypocotyl explants are transferred to B5 0/1/0 callus induction medium which contains filter sterilized carbenicillin (500mg/l, added after autoclaving) and kanamycin 35 sulfate (Boehringer Mannheim; Indianapolis, IN) at concentrations of 25mg/l.

After 3-7 days in culture at 65 $\mu$ EM $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$  continuous light, callus tissue is visible on the cut surface and the hypocotyl explants are transferred to shoot induction medium, B5BZ (B5

salts and vitamins supplemented with 3mg/l benzylaminopurine, 1mg/l zeatin, 1% sucrose, 0.6% Phytagar and pH adjusted to 5.8). This medium also contains carbenicillin (500mg/l) and kanamycin sulfate (25mg/l). Hypocotyl explants are subcultured 5 onto fresh shoot induction medium every two weeks.

Shoots regenerate from the hypocotyl calli after one to three months. Green shoots at least 1cm tall are excised from the calli and placed on medium containing B5 salts and vitamins, 1% sucrose, carbenicillin (300mg/l), kanamycin 10 sulfate (50mg/l) and 0.6% w/v Phytagar). After 2-4 weeks shoots which remain green are cut at the base and transferred to Magenta boxes containing root induction medium (B5 salts and vitamins, 1% sucrose, 2mg/l indolebutyric acid, 50mg/l kanamycin sulfate and 0.6% Phytagar). Green rooted shoots are 15 tested for thioesterase activity.

#### B. *Arabidopsis* Transformation

Transgenic *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants may be obtained by *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation as described by Valverkens et al., (Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. (1988) 85:5536-5540). 20 Constructs are transformed into *Agrobacterium* cells, such as of strain EHA101 (Hood et al., J. Bacteriol (1986) 168:1291-1301), by the method of Holsters et al. (Mol. Gen. Genet. (1978) 163:181-187).

#### C. Peanut Transformation

25 DNA sequences of interest may be introduced as expression cassettes, comprising at least a promoter region, a gene of interest, and a termination region, into a plant genome via particle bombardment as described in European Patent Application 332 855 and in co-pending application USSN 30 07/225,332, filed July 27, 1988.

Briefly, tungsten or gold particles of a size ranging from 0.5 $\mu$ M-3 $\mu$ M are coated with DNA of an expression cassette. This DNA may be in the form of an aqueous mixture or a dry DNA/particle precipitate.

35 Tissue used as the target for bombardment may be from cotyledonary explants, shoot meristems, immature leaflets, or anthers.

The bombardment of the tissue with the DNA-coated particles is carried out using a Biolistics™ particle gun

WO 96/23892

(Dupont; Wilmington, DE). The particles are placed in the barrel at variable distances ranging from 1cm-14cm from the barrel mouth. The tissue to be bombarded is placed beneath the stopping plate; testing is performed on the tissue at distances 5 up to 20cm. At the moment of discharge, the tissue is protected by a nylon net or a combination of nylon nets with mesh ranging from 10 $\mu$ M to 300 $\mu$ M.

Following bombardment, plants may be regenerated following the method of Atreya, et al., (Plant Science Letters (1984) 10 34:379-383). Briefly, embryo axis tissue or cotyledon segments are placed on MS medium (Murashige and Skoog, Physio. Plant. (1962) 15:473) (MS plus 2.0 mg/l 6-benzyladenine (BA) for the cotyledon segments) and incubated in the dark for 1 week at 25  $\pm$  2°C and are subsequently transferred to continuous cool white 15 fluorescent light (6.8 W/m<sup>2</sup>). On the 10th day of culture, the plantlets are transferred to pots containing sterile soil, are kept in the shade for 3-5 days and finally moved to greenhouse.

The putative transgenic shoots are rooted. Integration of 20 exogenous DNA into the plant genome may be confirmed by various methods known to those skilled in the art.

Example 5 - Analysis of Transgenic Plants

A. Nutmeg (MYRF-2) Expression Construct

25 Mature seeds were harvested from transgenic *Brassica napus* plants (a QL01 derived low linolenic variety) containing pCGN3854, a construct for expression of nutmeg thioesterase clone MYRF-2 under the regulatory control of a napin promoter, and analyzed to determine mole percent fatty acid composition. 30 Results are presented in Table 4 below.

TABLE 4

Plant	8:0	10:0	12:0	14:0	16:0	16:1	18:0	18:1	18:2	18:3
3854-1	0.00	0.26	0.30	13.50	22.10	0.49	4.84	37.62	16.26	1.96
3854-2	0.00	0.42	0.26	14.91	29.05	0.52	6.87	25.76	17.73	1.70
3854-3	0.00	0.27	0.43	21.73	30.90	0.43	6.48	19.54	15.85	1.62
3854-4	0.00	0.33	0.28	15.24	26.89	0.51	6.28	29.61	16.33	1.84

C14 fatty acyl groups are present in all four transgenic plants analyzed, with levels of C14 ranging from 13.5 to 21.73 mole percent. An even greater increase in C16 levels is observed, with ratios of C16 to C14 fatty acids ranging up to 5 approximately 2:1. Generally, the C16/C14 ratio decreases with increasing C14 content, with ratios as low as approximately 1.3:1 being observed. A graph of the C14 and C16 levels in these transgenic plant seeds is provided in Figure 11. Background levels of C14 in non-transformed control plants are 10 approximately 0.1 mole percent. Levels of C16 in non-transformed seeds of QL01 are approximately 4 mole percent. Single seeds from transformant 3854-3 are dissected for half seed lipid analysis. Results from these analyses are presented in Table 5 below.

15

TABLE 5

NO.	8:0	10:0	12:0	14:0	16:0	16:1	18:0	18:1	18:2	18:3
1	0.00	2.31	0.40	19.11	29.78	0.36	6.63	22.69	14.08	1.46
2	0.00	1.84	0.37	20.26	30.45	0.44	5.76	19.30	17.49	1.51
3	0.00	1.53	0.37	16.87	29.24	0.49	8.11	25.66	13.06	1.44
4	0.00	2.39	0.44	20.82	29.96	0.58	6.02	18.47	16.78	1.68
5	0.00	2.91	0.43	19.66	30.16	0.62	6.71	23.12	12.43	1.48
6	0.00	2.01	0.40	18.52	29.50	0.36	6.99	23.49	14.01	1.67
7	0.00	4.02	0.51	23.04	29.94	0.25	5.30	17.16	16.13	1.75
8	0.00	3.13	0.38	18.03	27.87	0.58	6.09	25.51	14.31	1.51
9	0.00	3.00	0.44	21.23	29.19	0.63	5.68	17.58	18.34	1.85
12	0.00	2.52	0.34	17.80	28.93	0.38	6.73	23.62	15.11	1.53
13	0.00	2.56	0.45	21.48	30.59	0.49	6.02	18.43	16.02	1.48
14	0.00	2.19	0.39	18.40	30.48	0.47	7.44	23.39	12.68	1.42
15	0.00	1.88	0.28	15.17	28.81	0.44	7.73	28.03	12.94	1.35
16	0.00	2.10	0.38	19.83	30.34	0.43	6.23	20.33	15.95	1.33
17	0.00	2.44	0.42	18.73	28.89	0.60	7.21	22.26	14.83	1.68
18	0.00	2.77	0.45	20.32	29.55	0.47	6.55	21.93	13.93	1.46
19	0.00	3.37	0.40	17.72	27.95	0.48	6.38	24.22	14.01	2.01
20	0.00	2.40	0.36	19.72	29.92	0.50	6.72	19.79	16.10	1.52

Additional single seed fatty acid composition data (mole percent fatty acids) from 3854-3 and 3854-11 are presented in 20 Figure 8. These data indicate C14 levels of up to 23% and C16 levels of up to 38% are obtained by expression of nutmeg thioesterase. In addition, smaller increases in 18:0 fatty acid levels are observed, with levels increasing from 1 mole

percent in non-transformed seeds of QL01 to levels of up to 9 mole percent in the transgenic seeds. Total saturated fatty acid levels in the transgenic seeds range from approximately 55 to 60 mole percent.

5 B. Camphor Expression Construct

Mature seeds were harvested from transgenic *Brassica napus* plants containing pCGN5233, a construct for expression of camphor thioesterase clone CINC-1 under the regulatory control of a napin promoter, and analyzed to determine mole percent fatty acid composition. Results are presented in Table 6 below.

TABLE 6

Plant	8:0	10:0	12:0	14:0	16:0	16:1	18:0	18:1	18:2	18:3
5233-1	0.00	0.84	0.87	6.93	9.64	0.95	1.51	41.35	21.47	14.99
5233-2	0.00	0.85	0.38	3.83	8.41	0.70	1.43	46.33	21.71	14.98
5233-4	0.00	0.96	1.33	11.46	11.69	1.06	1.16	31.07	23.54	16.26
5233-5	0.00	0.69	0.93	8.77	10.38	0.90	1.48	42.22	19.88	13.41
5233-6	0.00	0.69	1.29	11.38	10.98	0.83	1.54	40.75	18.32	12.98
5233-7	0.00	0.70	0.36	4.44	8.57	0.73	1.22	45.26	21.29	16.06
5233-8	0.00	1.07	0.24	2.46	7.67	0.85	1.25	47.47	22.51	14.90
5233-9	0.00	0.94	0.58	5.37	9.06	0.68	1.42	46.70	20.26	13.95
5233-10	0.00	0.83	0.26	2.84	7.89	0.74	1.26	46.21	21.68	16.88
5233-11	0.00	1.06	0.19	1.78	7.43	0.69	1.16	49.30	21.79	15.07
5233-12	0.00	0.69	0.51	5.42	9.02	0.77	1.40	46.09	19.81	15.03
5233-13	0.00	0.65	0.04	0.11	5.49	0.46	1.25	51.21	22.32	16.82
5233-14	0.00	0.81	0.64	6.46	9.54	0.86	1.21	44.11	20.50	14.33
5233-15	0.00	0.88	0.24	2.79	8.16	0.72	1.40	47.47	21.50	15.35
5233-16	0.00	1.00	0.35	3.52	8.03	0.66	1.35	44.98	23.01	15.94
5233-17	0.00	0.86	0.78	7.89	10.63	1.01	1.37	42.11	20.58	13.17
5233-18	0.00	1.53	0.62	6.25	10.14	0.83	1.37	39.80	23.38	15.64
5233-19	0.00	1.29	0.27	2.43	8.46	1.19	1.72	45.19	23.78	13.60
5233-20	0.00	1.23	0.34	3.59	9.49	1.03	1.87	48.74	19.24	12.93
5233-21	0.00	0.82	0.23	1.97	7.27	0.77	1.26	49.20	22.11	14.91
5233-22	0.00	0.60	0.54	5.63	9.64	0.75	1.56	45.07	21.94	12.53
5233-24	0.00	0.77	0.54	6.08	9.67	0.84	1.27	42.47	21.15	15.74
Control	0.00	0.74	0.02	0.10	6.15	0.66	1.48	51.75	21.03	16.22

15

An increased percentage of C14 fatty acyl groups above control plant background levels is observed in all but one of the transgenic plants analyzed. The levels of C14 range from approximately 2.0 mole percent to 11.5 mole percent.

Single seed data from transformants 5233-5 and 5233-6 are presented in Figure 9. These results demonstrate C14 levels of greater than 20% are obtained in seeds expressing a camphor FatB thioesterase. Increases in 16:0 levels from approximately 5 6 mole % in seeds from non-transformed control plants up to approximately 15 mole % are obtained. To a lesser extent, increases in 12:0 fatty acyl groups are also observed.

At lower levels of C14, the C16 levels may be up to 2-3 times that of the C14 levels. At higher C14 levels, the C16 10 levels are equal to or less than the C14 levels. A graph of the C14 and C16 levels in these transgenic plant seeds is provided in Figure 11. Total saturated fatty acid contents of up to 40 mole % are detected in these seeds.

#### C. *C. palustris* Expression Construct

15 Analysis of pooled seeds from 3863-transformants reveals C14 levels of up to approximately 37 mole percent. Data from analysis of fatty acid compositions of single seeds from transformants 3863-10, 3863-7, 3863-4, 3863-8, 3863-2, and 3863-5 are presented in Figure 10. These data indicate C14 20 levels of greater than 40% are obtained by expression of *C. palustris* FatB2 thioesterase clone. C14 levels exceed C16 levels at a ratio of approximately 2:1 in most of the 3863 transformant seeds. However, when C14 levels are low (less than approximately 15%), C16 levels are generally higher than 25 C14 levels. A graph of the C14 and C16 levels in the nutmeg, *C. palustris* and camphor TE transgenic plant seeds is provided in Figure 11.

#### D. Oleosin Promoter/C14 Thioesterase Constructs

30 Analysis (mole percent fatty acids) of pooled seed samples from *B. napus* transgenic plants expressing the *C. palustris* (3864) or the nutmeg (3857) C14 thioesterases is provided in Figure 12. As with napin promoter constructs, expression of nutmeg thioesterase results in increased production of C14 and 35 C16 fatty acids at a ratio of approximately 2:1 C16/C14 fatty acids. With expression of *C. palustris* C14 thioesterase, C14 is generally produced in greater amounts than C16 as was observed with napin/*C. palustris* C14 thioesterase constructs. Generally, levels of C14 and C16 fatty acids obtained by expression of thioesterases under regulatory control of the

oleosin promoter are lower than the levels obtained by expression using the napin promoter.

E. C14 thioesterase and Medium-chain LPAAT Expressing Plants

Napin/*C. palusatris* transformant 3863-6, seeds of which 5 comprise approximately 20 mole percent 14:0 and 13 mole percent 16:0, is crossed with a *B. napus* transformant comprising a coconut medium-chain preferring LPAAT expression construct, pCGN5511. (See WO 95/27791.) Fatty acyl composition analysis of segregating pooled seeds from the resulting F1 plants reveal 10 average levels of 10 mole percent 14:0 and 7 mole percent 16:0. Fatty acyl composition at the *sn*-2 position are determined for pooled segregating seed samples from the 3863-6 plants and the F1 plants resulting from the 5511 X 3863-6 cross.

For *sn*-2 analysis oil distilled from mature seeds is 15 subjected to a lipase digestion protocol modified from Brockerhoff et al. (Meth. Enzymol. (1975) 35:315-325)), to minimize acyl migration. This distinguishes acyl compositions of the *sn*-2 and *sn*-1+3 combined positions. The modifications are briefly as follows: pH is lowered to neutrality, reaction 20 time is shortened, samples are maintained at acidic pH thereafter, and digestion products are chromatographed on borate-impregnated TLC plates. The chromatographed products are then eluted and analyzed as fatty acid methyl esters as before. In this manner the percentage of fatty acids, such as 25 medium-chain C12 or C14 fatty acids or long-chain C22:1 fatty acids in the *sn*-2 position is determined. The modified procedure was verified using stoichiometrically defined structured TAGs and is conducted as follows.

Generally in the lipase procedure, only positive- 30 displacement pipetors are used as oil and organic solvents cannot be delivered reliably by negative-displacement pipetors. Additionally, care should be taken when evaporating solvents to bring the sample only barely to dryness. When C10 or shorter acyl groups are present avoid dryness altogether. Plasticware 35 or kitchen glassware that can contribute fatty acid contamination should be avoided. Glassware may be pre-rinsed with chloroform/methanol 2/1 (v/v) if necessary.

In 15-ml screw-cap (teflon liner) vial combine 2 ml 0.1M Tris-HCl, pH 7.0, 0.2 ml 2.2% w/v CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 ml 0.05% w/v bile

salts (Sigma), and 10  $\mu$ l (10  $\mu$ g if solid) oil or TAG sample. Sonicate briefly in a sonication bath to disperse at least some of the oil. The suspension should develop a cloudy appearance after a few minutes.

- 5 Prepare lipase dilution using an active suspension of lipase, such as *Rhizopus arrhizus* lipase (Sigma, L4384) and hold on ice (4°C). (Activity will be lost if suspension is frozen). Enzyme batches may be checked by testing various dilutions of the suspension with water in the overall
- 10 procedure, using oil containing unsaturated fatty acids and visualizing the extent of digestion by System 1 TLC (see below) with iodine staining. The correct dilution should result in approximately 50% digestion of the TAG. (Further digestion risks increasing attack on the MAG product.) Typically
- 15 dilution of the Sigma *Rhizopus arrhizus* lipase suspension with water to about 600,000 units/ml gives an appropriate concentration.

Each reaction is run individually. Add 100  $\mu$ l of the water-diluted lipase to start the reaction, cap the vial, and

- 20 immediately start a continuous vortex mixing for 1.5 minutes. Make and break the vortex several times during this mixing so as to prevent stratification. A white ppt must form during the 1.5 min "incubation". The precipitate comprises calcium salts of released fatty acids, and is an indication that the reaction
- 25 is proceeding.

At the end of the 1.5 min mixing incubation, stop the reaction by adding 0.5 ml 6M HCl and mixing briefly. Immediately add 2.6 ml chloroform/methanol 2/1 v/v, shake well and place in ice while the other lipase digestions are

- 30 performed. Note that the white ppt will now completely redissolve.

Remove all the vials from ice, mix well once again, and spin briefly to sharpen the layers. The digestion products are in the lower layer. Using a Pasteur pipet remove the lower

- 35 layer to a new 15-ml vial. Re-extract the original digestion mixture with 1.6 ml straight chloroform, mix well, spin, and combine this lower layer with the previously removed one. The combined lower, organic layers are blown to near-dryness under

WO 96/23892

N<sub>2</sub> and just enough heat to prevent the samples from getting very cold.

The TLC plates for acyl migration are 500  $\mu$ m preparative Sil-G pre-loaded with boric acid and containing no fluorescent indicator. The pre-loading is carried out by ascending migration of 5% w/v boric acid in 1/1 v/v acetonitrile/methanol for at least 90 minutes. The plated are dried and stored at room temperature until ready for use. Heating "activation" may be necessary in damp climates.

Two solvent systems are suitable, both ascending the plates for exactly 1 hour even if the solvent doesn't reach the top of the plate, as longer runs result in reduced resolution due to the extreme volatility of the solvents.

System 1 - n-hexane/diethyl ether/acetic acid, 70/30/1 v/v

System 2 - Diethyl ether/acetic acid, 100/1 v/v

System 1 is used to evaluate and monitor the lipase reaction, as it allows recovery of TAG, DAG, fatty acid, and MAG. System 2 may be used for routine use and yields the best purity of the MAG product required for the *sn*-2 determination.

Prior to spotting the plates, score down the middle with a pencil so that two samples can be applied (left and right). (Sample chromatography is performed in the same direction as the borate loading.) Also remove 0.5 cm of layer from each side to eliminate edge effects, and draw a line 2 cm up from the bottom as a loading guide. Redissolve each dried sample in 100  $\mu$ l chloroform/methanol 2/1 (v/v) and apply along the loading line on the half-plate. Rinse the vial twice with 100  $\mu$ l chloroform/methanol 2/1 (v/v) each time and load over the top of the sample. Air-dry the loading area and run the solvent. Let plates air-dry in hood.

To ensure minimal acyl rearrangements for *sn*-1 and *sn*-3 analyses of the products, the procedure should be conducted without interruption from the start of the lipase reaction.

The TLC plates are visualized with Rhodamine spray, ~1% w/v Rhodamine 6G in acetone. The plates are sprayed until they are an overall medium-pink color, allowed to dry a few minutes, and viewed under UV light. Lipids fluoresce yellow on an

orange background. Desired zones are outlined in pencil. When using system 2, MAG zone is routinely 50-75% of the distance up the plate and the rest of the products are at the top. The MAG area may appear multi-zoned due to some chain-length

5 resolution, but should be outlined for excision as a single overall zone.

The zones are scraped onto clean paper and transferred to large screw-cap (teflon liner) test tubes. Add 10 ml chloroform/methanol 2/1 (v/v), shake, and let stand for at

10 least an hour. Filter through Whatman paper directly into 100-ml rotary evaporation flasks. Rinse the tubes twice through the filters with 5 ml chloroform/methanol 2/1 (v/v) each time. (The Rhodamine dye will co-elute with the lipids and will track with them through the procedure until the final

15 hexane extraction of fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES), when it will be left behind.) Rotary-evaporate at room temperature or up to 30°C, to reduce volume to about 100 µl. Transfer to 15-ml screw-cap vial, along with a couple of 100 µl chloroform/methanol 2/1 (v/v) rinses of the flask, and blow

20 down to near-dryness under N2.

To the nearly dry samples add 2 ml freshly-prepared 5% (w/v) sulfuric acid in methanol. Relatively new methanol which has not had a chance to absorb much water should be used. Also add to the samples 1 ml of toluene containing desired internal

25 standard at 0.5 mg/ml TAG (e.g. tri-17:0 etc.). Incubate at 90°C for 2 hours, tightening the caps after the first 2 minutes and again after about 15 minutes. After the vials have cooled, add 2 ml 0.9% w/v NaCl and 0.5 ml n-hexane. Mix thoroughly, let stand a few minutes to separate layers, and sample the top

30 layer into the g.c. vial. Fatty acid composition is determined by analysis for fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) as described by Browse et al. (Anal. Biochem. (1986) 152:141-145).

The composition of the MAG zone is taken as the composition at *sn*-2 of the original oil or TAG sample. The

35 average composition at the primary (*sn*-1 and -3) positions is computed using the formula (3TAG-MAG)/2 on the % of each acyl group.

The *sn*-2 analysis of T2 seed from 3863-6 reveals a 14:0 level of approximately 3 mole percent. Levels of 16:0 at the

sn-2 position were less than 1 mole percent. Analysis of *sn*-2 fatty acyl groups in F1 seeds from a 5511 X 3863-6 plant indicates 14:0 levels of approximately 9 mole percent. As with the 3863-6 plant seeds, the levels of 16:0 at the *sn*-2 position 5 were less than 1 mole percent.

These data demonstrate that the expression of coconut medium-chain LPAAT in conjunction with expression of a plant C14 thioesterase provides for greater incorporation of myristate into the *sn*-2 position, effectively randomizing the 10 distribution of 14:0, while the 16:0 distribution is unaffected. Thus, the combination of LPAAT and C14 thioesterase is especially desirable for overall increase in 15 C14 fatty acids in transgenic plant seed oils.

15 The above results demonstrate the ability to obtain DNA sequences which encode thioesterase activities, which sequences may be expressed in plant seed cells for manipulation of seed oil fatty acid composition. In this manner production of 20 significant levels of C14 fatty acids C14 may be obtained. The novel seed oils so produced may find uses in industry as whole oils, or can be fractionated using methods known in the industry to provide sources of the C14 fatty acids incorporated 25 into the oil.

25 All publications and patent applications mentioned in this specification are indicative of the level of skill of those skilled in the art to which this invention pertains. All publications and patent applications are herein incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication 30 or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

35 Although the foregoing invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it will be obvious that certain changes and modifications may be practiced within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of producing C14 fatty acids in plant seed triglycerides, wherein said method comprises:
  - 5 growing a plant having integrated into its genome a DNA construct, said construct comprising in the 5' to 3' direction of transcription, a promoter functional in a plant seed cell, a DNA sequence encoding a protein having preferential hydrolysis activity on C14:0 acyl-ACP substrates as compared to other
  - 10 medium-chain acyl-ACP substrates, and a transcription termination region functional in a plant cell.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said plant is an oilseed crop plant.
3. The method of Claim 2 wherein said oilseed crop plant is a *Brassica* plant.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said protein is a plant acyl-ACP thioesterase.
5. The method of Claim 4 wherein said plant thioesterase encoding sequence is from *Cuphea*, nutmeg or camphor.
- 20 6. The method of Claim 4, wherein said plant acyl-ACP thioesterase has preferential activity on C14 acyl-ACP substrates.
7. The method of Claim 6, wherein said plant thioesterase encoding sequence is from *Cuphea palustris*.
- 25 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein said promoter is from a gene preferentially expressed in plant seed tissue.
9. The method of Claim 1, wherein said plant seed triglycerides comprise at least 5 mole percent C14 fatty acyl groups.
- 30 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein said plant seed triglycerides comprise at least 20 mole percent C14 fatty acyl groups.
11. The method of Claim 1, wherein said plant seed triglycerides comprise at least 40 mole percent C14 fatty acyl groups.
- 35 12. The method of Claim 1, wherein said plant seed triglycerides further comprise increased 16:0 fatty acyl content.

13. The method of Claim 12, wherein the level of 14:0 fatty acyl groups is greater than the level of 16:0 fatty acyl groups.

14. The method of Claim 12, wherein the level of 14:0 fatty acyl groups is less than the level of 16:0 fatty acyl groups.

15. A plant seed comprising a minimum of 5.0 mole percent myristate in total fatty acids, wherein said myristate is incorporated into at least one position of a triglyceride molecule and wherein wild-type seed of said plant contains less than 1.0 mole percent laurate in fatty acids.

16. The seed of Claim 15 comprising a minimum of about 20 mole percent myristate in fatty acids.

17. The seed of Claim 15 comprising a minimum of about 40 mole percent myristate in fatty acids.

18. Plant seed oil, wherein a minimum of 5.0 mole percent of the acyl groups of said oil are myristyl acyl groups, and wherein said oil is derived from a seed of Claim 15.

19. A *Brassica* seed comprising a minimum of 5.0 mole percent myristate in total fatty acids.

20. Plant seed oil, wherein a minimum of 5.0 mole percent of the acyl groups of said oil are myristyl acyl groups, and wherein said oil is derived from a *Brassica* seed of Claim 19.

21. A DNA construct comprising an encoding sequence for a plant acyl-ACP thioesterase having preferential activity on C14 acyl-ACP substrates as compared to other medium-chain acyl-ACP substrates.

22. A construct according to Claim 21 wherein said plant is a *Cuphea* species.

23. A construct according to Claim 22 wherein said species is *Cuphea palustris*.

24. A construct according to Claim 23 wherein said thioesterase comprises the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 1.

25. A construct according to Claim 22 wherein said plant is nutmeg.

26. A construct according to Claim 25 wherein said thioesterase comprises the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 2 or 3.

GCTCTAATAAC	GA	CTCACTAT	AGGGAAAGCT	GGTACGGCCTG	CAGGTACCGG	TCCGGAATT	60
CCGGGTGAC CCACGGTCC GCTGAGTITG CTGGTTACCA TTTTCCCTGC GAAACAAAC 118							
ATG	GTG	GCT	GCC	GCA	AGT	GCT	166
Met	Val	Ala	Ala	Ala	Ser	Ala	Thr
1	5	10	15				
CGA	ACA	AAC	ATT	TCG	CCA	TCG	214
Arg	Thr	Asn	Ile	Ser	Pro	Ser	
	20			25			
TCA	AAC	CAC	AAT	GGT	GGC	TTT	262
Ser	Asn	His	Asn	Gly	Gly	Phe	
	35			40			
CCT	AAG	GCT	AAC	GGT	TCT	GCA	310
Pro	Lys	Ala	Asn	Gly	Ser	Ala	
	50			55			
ACT	CAG	GAG	GAC	AAA	ACT	TCA	358
Thr	Gln	Glu	Asp	Lys	Thr	Ser	
	65			70			

CGA ACC GTC CCC TTC AAG CCC CCC AAA  
Ser Val Pro Phe Lys Pro Lys 30

GCA AAC GCA AAC GCC AGT GCC CAT  
Ala Val Asn Ala Ser Ala His 45

GCC AGT GCC CAT  
Leu Ser Ala Ser Ala His 60

AGC CTC GAG  
Ser Gly Ser Leu Glu 80

FIG.1A

ATT	AAC	CAG	TTG	CCC	GTC	TGG	AGT	ATG	CTT	CTG	TCT	GCA	GTC	ACG	ACT	406
Ile	Asn	Gln	Leu	Pro	Val	Trp	Ser	Met	Leu	Leu	Ser	Ala	Val	Thr	Thr	95
																85
GTC	TRC	GGG	GTG	GCT	GAG	AAG	CAG	TGG	CCA	ATG	CTT	GAC	CGG	AAA	TCT	454
Val	Phe	Gly	Val	Ala	Glu	Lys	Gln	Trp	Pro	Met	Leu	Asp	Arg	Lys	Ser	
AAG	AGG	CCC	GAC	ATG	CTT	GTG	GAA	CCG	CTT	GGG	GT	GAC	AGG	ATT	GTT	502
Lys	Arg	Pro	Asp	Met	Leu	Val	Glu	Pro	Leu	Gly	Val	Asp	Arg	Ile	Val	
TAT	GAT	GGG	GTT	AGT	TTC	AGA	CAG	AGT	TTT	TCG	ATT	AGA	TCT	TAC	GAA	550
Tyr	Asp	Gly	Val	Ser	Phe	Arg	Gln	Ser	Phe	Ser	Ile	Arg	Ser	Tyr	Glu	
ATA	GGC	GCT	GAT	CGA	ACA	GCC	TCG	ATA	GAG	ACC	CTG	ATG	AAC	ATG	TRC	598
Ile	Gly	Ala	Asp	Arg	Thr	Ala	Ser	Ile	Glu	Thr	Leu	Met	Asn	Met	Phe	
CAG	GAA	ACA	TCT	CTT	AAT	CAT	TGT	AAG	ATT	ATC	GGT	CTT	CTC	AAT	GAC	646
Gln	Glu	Thr	Ser	Leu	Asn	His	Cys	Lys	Ile	Ile	Gly	Leu	Leu	Asn	Asp	

FIG.1B

GGC TTT GGT CGA ACT CCT GAG ATG TGT AAG AGG GAC CTC ATT TGG GTG  
 Gly Phe Gly Arg Thr Pro Glu Met Cys Lys Arg Asp Leu Ile Trp Val 694  
 180 185 190

GTC ACG AAA ATG CAG ATC GAG GTG AAT CGC TAT CCT ACT TGG GGT GAT  
 Val Thr Lys Met Gln Ile Glu Val Asn Arg Tyr Pro Thr Trp Gly Asp 742  
 195 200 205

ACT ATA GAG GTC AAT ACT TGG GTC TCA GCG TCG GGG AAA CAC GGT ATG  
 Thr Ile Glu Val Asn Thr Trp Val Ser Ala Ser Gly Lys His Gly Met 790  
 210 215 220

GGT CGA GAT TGG CTG ATA AGT GAT TGC CAT ACA GGA GAA ATT CTT ATA  
 Gly Arg Asp Trp Leu Ile Ser Asp Cys His Thr Gly Glu Ile Leu Ile 838  
 225 230 235 240

AGA GCA ACG AGC GTG TGG GCT ATG AAT CAA AAG ACG AGA AGA TTG  
 Arg Ala Thr Ser Val Trp Ala Met Met Asn Gln Lys Thr Arg Arg Leu 886  
 245 250 255

TCG AAA ATT CCA TAT GAG GTT CGA CAG GAG ATA GAG CCT CAG TTT GTG  
 Ser Lys Ile Pro Tyr Glu Val Arg Gln Ile Glu Pro Gln Phe Val 934  
 260 265 270

FIG.1C

GAC TCT CCT GTC ATT GTA GAC GAT CGA AAA TTT CAC AAG CTT GAT 982  
 Asp Ser Ala Pro Val Ile Val Asp Asp Arg Lys Phe His Lys Leu Asp  
 275 280 285

TTG AAG ACC GGT GAT TCC ATT TGC AAT GGT CTA ACT CCA AGG TGG ACT 1030  
 Leu Lys Thr Gly Asp Ser Ile Cys Asn Gly Leu Thr Pro Arg Trp Thr  
 290 295 300

GAC TTG GAT GTC AAT CAG CAC GTT AAC AAT GTG AAA TAC ATC GGG TGG 1078  
 Asp Leu Asp Val Asn Gln His Val Asn Asn Val Asn Val Ile Gly Trp  
 305 310 315 320

ATT CTC CAG AGT GTT CCC ACA GAA GTT TTC GAG ACG CAG GAG CTA TGT 1126  
 Ile Leu Gln Ser Val Pro Thr Glu Val Phe Glu Thr Gln Glu Leu Cys  
 325 330 335

GGC CTC ACC CTT GAG TAT AGG CGA GAA TGC GGA AGG GAC AGT GTG CTG 1174  
 Gly Leu Thr Leu Glu Tyr Arg Arg Glu Cys Gly Arg Asp Ser Val Leu  
 340 345 350

GAG TCC GTG ACC GCT ATG GAT CCA TCA AAA GAG GGA GAC CGG TCT CTT 1222  
 Glu Ser Val Thr Ala Met Asp Pro Ser Lys Glu Gly Asp Arg Ser Leu  
 355 360 365

FIG.1D

TAC CAG CAC CTT CTC CGA CTC GAG GAC GGG GCT GAT ATC GTC AAG GGG  
Tyr Gln His Leu Leu Arg Leu Glu Asp Gly Ala Asp Ile Val Lys Gly 1270  
370 375 380

AGA ACC GAG TGG CGG CCG AAG AAT GCA GGA GCC AAG GGA GCA ATA TTA 1318  
Arg Thr Glu Trp Arg Pro Lys Asn Ala Gly Ala Lys Gly Ala Ile Leu 400  
385 390 395

ACC GGA AAG ACC TCA AAT GGA AAC TCT ATA TCT TAGAAGGAGG AAGGGACCTT 1371  
Thr Gly Lys Thr Ser Asn Gly Asn Ser Ile Ser 410  
405 410

TCCGAGTTGT GTGTTTATTGCTTT GATTCACTCC ATTGTATAAT AATACTACGG 1431

TCAGGCCGTCT TTGTATTGCTTAAGACAAT AGCCACAGTCA TTAAGTTAA AAAA 1491

AAGGGCGGCC GCTCTAGAGG ATCCAAGCTT ACGTACGGGT GCATGCGACG TCATAGCTCT 1551

TCTATAGTGT CACCTAAATT CAATTCACTG 1581

CCG GAT TGG AGC ATG CTT CTT GCA GCA ATC ACA ACC ATC TTC TTG GCA  
 Pro Asp Trp Ser Met Leu Leu Ala Ala Ile Thr Thr Ile Phe Leu Ala  
 1 5 10 15

GCC GAG AAG CAG TGG ACG AAT CTT GAC TGG AAG CCC AGG AGG CCT GAC  
 Ala Glu Lys Gln Trp Thr Asn Leu Asp Trp Lys Pro Arg Arg Pro Asp  
 20 25 30

ATG CTC GTC GAC TTT GAC CCT TTT AGT CTG GGG AGG TTT GAT CAG GAT  
 Met Leu Val Asp Phe Asp Pro Phe Ser Leu Gly Arg Phe Val Gln Asp  
 35 40 45

GGG TTG ATT TTC AGG CAG AAT TTC TCC ATC AGG TCT TAT GAG ATT GGC  
 Gly Leu Ile Phe Arg Gln Asn Phe Ser Ile Arg Ser Tyr Glu Ile Gly  
 50 55 60

GCG GAT CGG ACG GCA TCC ATA GAG ACG TTA ATG AAT CAT CTA CAG GAA  
 Ala Asp Arg Thr Ala Ser Ile Glu Thr Leu Met Asn His Leu Gln Glu  
 65 70 75 80

ACG GCC CTA AAC CAT GTA AGG TGT ATA GGG CTC CTC GAT GAT GGT TTT  
 Thr Ala Leu Asn His Val Arg Cys Ile Gly Leu Leu Asp Asp Gly Phe  
 85 90 95

FIG.2A

GGT TCG ACG CCT GAG ATG ACT AGG AGA GAT CTG ATA TGG GTG GTT ACA  
 Gly Ser Thr Pro Glu Met Thr Arg Arg Asp Leu Ile Trp Val Val Thr  
 100 105 110

AGG ATG CAG GTT CTG GTG GAT CGC TAT CCT TCC TGG GGG GAT GTC ATT  
 Arg Met Gln Val Leu Val Asp Arg Tyr Pro Ser Trp Gly Asp Val Ile  
 115 120 125

GAA GTA GAC TCC TGG GTT ACT CCA TCT GGA AAG AAT GGG ATG AAA CGT  
 Glu Val Asp Ser Trp Val Thr Pro Ser Gly Lys Asn Gly Met Lys Arg  
 130 135 140

GAA TGG TTT CTC CGT GAT TGC AAG ACA GGC GAA ATC CTG ACA CGA GCT  
 Glu Trp Phe Leu Arg Asp Cys Lys Thr Gly Glu Ile Leu Thr Arg Ala  
 145 150 155 160

ACC AGT GTT TGG GTG ATG ATG AAT AAA CGG ACA CGG AGG TTG TCC AAA  
 Thr Ser Val Trp Val Met Met Asn Lys Arg Thr Arg Arg Leu Ser Lys  
 165 170 175

ATC CCT GAA GAA GTT AGA GTC GAA ATA GAG CCT TAT TTT GTG GAG CAT  
 Ile Pro Glu Glu Val Arg Val Glu Ile Glu Pro Tyr Phe Val Glu His  
 180 185 190

FIG. 2C

GTG GAG TGT GAC CAC CTT CTT CGC CTT GAA GAT GGG AGT GAG ATT ATG  
 Val Glu Cys Asp His Leu Leu Arg Leu Glu Asp Gly Ser Glu Ile Met  
 290 295 300

AGG GGA AAG ACG GAA TGG AGG CCC AAG CGT GCC AAC ACT ACC TAC  
 Arg Gly Lys Thr Glu Trp Arg Pro Lys Arg Ala Ala Asn Thr Thr Tyr  
 305 310 315 320

TTT GGA AGC GTT GAT ATT CCT CCC CAC CCA ATA TAT ATA TAT ATA  
 Phe Gly Ser Val Asp Asp Ile Pro Pro His Pro Ile Tyr Ile Tyr Ile  
 325 330 335

TAT ATA TAT ATA TAT ATA TAT TGG GTG GGG AGC AGC TGC AGC  
 Tyr Ile Tyr Ile Tyr Ile Tyr Ile Tyr Trp Val Gly Ser Ser Cys Ser  
 340 345 350

GGC AGC ACG ACA ATG TCG AGG ACA CGA TGACGATCAG TATGTTTCGT  
 Gly Ser Ser Thr Thr Met Ser Arg Thr Arg  
 355 360

GCGGTATTAA GCAATTCCGT ATGTTAGAATC CTGCGTGTAC TGGCAGATAA TTTTTGATT 1166

TGTTCTTTC GTTTACGAGG GGAACCCGTG TAATTAGTTC AACTGTATT TCTGTTCCTT 1226

FIG.2D

CCTTAAGTGT TTCAACACCC CTCTCTCTCT CGCGCGCG CGTGCCTCA CATTTCAT 1286

TCCTTTCTT TTATTCTAG TTGTACGAGT GGGAGTTCAT TTGCACTAAA TTGTTGAAA 1346

ATCTCGTTGC TTGG 1360

FIG.2E

FIG. 3A

GCT	CAT	ACT	GTT	CCC	AAG	ATC	AAT	GGT	AAC	AAG	GCG	GGC	CTT	TTG	ACG	546	
Ala	His	Thr	Val	Pro	Lys	Ile	Asn	Gly	Asn	Lys	Ala	Gly	Leu	Leu	Thr	70	
55				60					65								
CCT	ATG	GAG	AGC	ACT	AAG	GAC	GAG	GAC	ATC	GTG	GCT	GCC	CCA	ACG	GTT	594	
Pro	Met	Glu	Ser	Thr	Lys	Asp	Glu	Asp	Ile	Val	Ala	Ala	Pro	Thr	Val	85	
					75					80							
GCT	CCT	AAG	AGG	ACT	TTG	ATC	AAC	CAG	CTG	CCG	GAT	TGG	AGC	ATG	CTT	642	
Ala	Pro	Lys	Arg	Thr	Phe	Ile	Asn	Gln	Leu	Pro	Asp	Trp	Ser	Met	Leu	90	
						95						100					
CTT	GCA	GCA	ATC	ACA	ACC	ATC	TTG	TTC	TTC	GCA	GAG	AAG	CAG	TGG	ACG	690	
Leu	Ala	Ala	Ile	Thr	Thr	Ile	Phe	Leu	Ala	Ala	Glu	Lys	Gln	Trp	Thr	105	
									110								
AAT	CTT	GAC	TGG	AAG	CCC	AGG	AGG	CCT	GAC	ATG	CTC	GTC	GAC	TTT	GAC	738	
Asn	Leu	Asp	Trp	Lys	Pro	Arg	Arg	Arg	Pro	Asp	Met	Leu	Val	Asp	Phe	Asp	120
						125					130						
CCT	TTT	AGT	CTG	GGG	AGG	TTC	GTG	CAG	GAT	GGG	TTG	ATT	TTC	AGG	CAG	786	
Pro	Phe	Ser	Leu	Gly	Arg	Phe	Val	Gln	Asp	Gly	Leu	Ile	Phe	Arg	Gln	135	
					140					145							
											150						

AAT	TTC	TCC	ATC	AGG	TCT	TAT	GAG	ATT	GGC	GCG	GAT	CGG	ACG	GCA	TCC	834
Asn	Phe	Ser	Ile	Arg	Ser	Tyr	Glu	Ile	Gly	Ala	Asp	Arg	Thr	Ala	Ser	
																155
																160
																165
ATA	GAG	ACG	TTA	ATG	AAT	CAT	CTA	CAG	GAA	ACG	GCC	CTA	AAC	CAT	GTA	882
Ile	Glu	Thr	Leu	Met	Asn	His	Leu	Gln	Glu	Thr	Ala	Leu	Asn	His	Val	
																170
																175
AGC	TGT	ATA	GGG	CTC	CTC	GAT	GAT	GGT	TTT	GGT	TCG	ACG	CCT	GAG	ATG	930
Arg	Cys	Ile	Gly	Leu	Leu	Asp	Asp	Gly	Gly	Phe	Gly	Ser	Thr	Pro	Glu	Met
																185
																190
ACT	AGG	AGA	GAT	CTG	ATA	TGG	GTG	GTT	ACA	AGG	ATG	CAG	GTT	CTG	GTG	978
Thr	Arg	Arg	Asp	Leu	Ile	Trp	Val	Val	Thr	Arg	Met	Gln	Val	Leu	Val	
																200
																205
GAT	CGC	TAT	CCT	TCC	TGG	GGG	GAT	GTC	ATT	GAA	GTA	TCC	TGG	GTT	GTG	1026
Asp	Arg	Tyr	Pro	Ser	Trp	Gly	Asp	Val	Ile	Glu	Val	Asp	Ser	Trp	Val	
																215
ACT	CCA	TCT	GGG	AAG	AAT	GGG	ATG	AAA	CGT	GAA	TGG	TTT	CTC	CGT	GAT	1074
Thr	Pro	Ser	Gly	Lys	Asn	Gly	Met	Lys	Arg	Glu	Trp	Phe	Leu	Arg	Asp	
																215
																235
TGC	AAG	ACA	GGC	GAA	ATC	CTG	ACA	CGA	GCT	ACC	AGT	GTT	TGG	GTG	ATG	1122
Cys	Lys	Thr	Gly	Glu	Ile	Leu	Thr	Arg	Ala	Thr	Ser	Val	Trp	Val	Met	
																250
																255
																260

FIG.3C

ATG	AAT	AAA	CGG	ACA	CGG	AGG	TTG	TCC	AAA	ATC	CCT	GAA	GAA	GTT	AGA	1170
Met	Asn	Lys	Arg	Thr	Arg	Arg	Leu	Ser	Lys	Ile	Pro	Gl	Gl	Gl	Val	Arg
265							270				275					
GTC	GAA	ATA	GAG	CCT	TAT	TTT	GTG	GAG	CAT	GGG	GTC	TTG	GAT	GAG	GAC	1218
Val	Glu	Ile	Glu	Pro	Tyr	Phe	Val	Glu	His	Gly	Val	Leu	Asp	Glu	Asp	
280							285				290					
AGC	AGA	AAA	CTA	CCA	AAG	CTC	AAT	GAC	AAC	ACT	GCA	AAT	TAC	ATC	AGA	1266
Ser	Arg	Lys	Leu	Pro	Lys	Leu	Asn	Asn	Asn	Asn	Thr	Ala	Asn	Tyr	Ile	Arg
295							300				305					
AGA	GGC	CTA	GCT	CCT	CGG	TGG	AGT	GAT	TTA	GAT	GTC	AAT	CAG	CAT	GTG	1314
Arg	Gly	Leu	Ala	Pro	Arg	Trp	Ser	Asp	Leu	Asp	Val	Asn	Gln	His	Val	
							315				320				325	
AAC	AAT	GTC	AAA	TAC	ATT	GGC	TGG	ATT	CTT	GAG	AGC	GTG	CCA	TCT	TCA	1362
Asn	Asn	Val	Lys	Tyr	Ile	Gly	Trp	Ile	Leu	Glu	Ser	Val	Pro	Ser	Ser	
							330				335				340	
CTG	TTG	GAG	AGT	CAT	GAG	CTG	TAT	GGG	ATG	ACA	CTT	GAG	TAT	AGG	AAG	1410
Leu	Leu	Glu	Ser	His	Glu	Leu	Tyr	Gly	Met	Thr	Leu	Gl	Tyr	Arg	Lys	
							345				350				355	
GAG	TGT	GGA	AAG	GAC	GGT	TTG	CTG	CAA	TCC	CTG	ACT	GCT	GT	GCC	AGT	1458
Gl	Cys	Gly	Lys	Asp	Gly	Leu	Leu	Gln	Ser	Leu	Thr	Ala	Val	Ala	Ser	
							360				365				370	

FIG.3D

GAT TAT GGG GGT GGA TCC CTT GAA GCT GGC GTT GAG TGT GAC CAC CTT  
 Asp Tyr Gly Gly Ser Leu Glu Ala Gly Val Glu Cys Asp His Leu  
 375 380 385 390 395 400 405  
 CTT CGC CTT GAA GAT GGG AGT GAG ATT ATG AGG GGA AAG ACG GAA TGG  
 Leu Arg Leu Glu Asp Gly Ser Glu Ile Met Arg Gly Lys Thr Glu Trp  
 1554

AGG CCC AAG CGT GCC GCC AAC ACT ACC TAC TTT GGA AGC GTT GAT GAT  
 Arg Pro Lys Arg Ala Ala Asn Thr Thr Tyr Phe Gly Ser Val Asp Asp  
 410 415 420

ATT CCT CCA GCA AAT AAT GCA TAGCCAAAT GTATATAT ATTATATAT  
 Ile Pro Pro Ala Asn Asn Ala  
 425

ATATATAT ATTATATAT ATTATATAT ATTGGTGGG GAGCAGCTGC AGCGGCAGCA 1713

GCACGACAAT GTCGAGGACA CGATGACGAT CAGTATGTT CGTGGGTAT TAGCAATTG 1773

CGTATGAGA ATCCTGCGTG TACTGGCAGA TAATTTTTC ATTGGTCTT TTCGTTTACG 1833

AGGGAAACCC GTGTAATTAG TTCAACTGTA TTTCCTGTT CTTCTTAAG TGTTCAACA 1893

CCCTCTCTC TCTCGGGGC GCGCGTGGCGC TCACATTTC CATTCCCTTT CTTTTTATTTC 1953

TAGTTGTACG AGTGGGAGTT CATTGGCACT 1983

FIG.3F

T	CTA	GAG	TGG	AAG	CCG	AAT	CCA	CCC	CAG	TTG	CTT	GAT	GAC	CAT	49	
Leu	Glu	Trp	Lys	Pro	Lys	Pro	Asn	Pro	Pro	Gln	Leu	Leu	Asp	Asp	His	
1															15	
TTT	GGG	CCG	CAT	GGG	TTA	TTT	AGG	CGC	ACC	TTT	GCC	ATC	AGA	TCG	97	
Phe	Gly	Pro	His	Gly	Leu	Val	Phe	Arg	Arg	Thr	Phe	Ala	Ile	Arg	Ser	
20															30	
TAT	GAG	GTG	GGG	CCT	GAC	CGC	TCC	ACA	TCT	ATA	GTG	GCT	GTG	ATG	ATG	145
Tyr	Glu	Val	Gly	Pro	Asp	Arg	Ser	Thr	Ser	Ile	Val	Ala	Val	Met	Asn	
35															45	
CAC	TTG	CAG	GAG	GCT	GCA	CTT	AAT	CAT	GGG	AAG	AGT	GTG	GGA	ATT	CTA	193
His	Leu	Gln	Glu	Ala	Ala	Leu	Asn	His	Ala	Lys	Ser	Val	Gly	Ile	Leu	
50															60	
CGA	GAT	GGA	TTC	GGT	ACG	ACG	CTA	GAG	ATG	AAG	AGA	GAT	CTG	ATA	241	
Gly	Asp	Gly	Phe	Gly	Thr	Thr	Leu	Glu	Met	Ser	Lys	Arg	Asp	Leu	Ile	
65															80	
TGG	GTT	GTC	AAA	CGC	ACG	CAT	GTT	GCT	GTG	GAA	CGG	TAC	CCT	GCT	TGG	289
Trp	Val	Val	Lys	Arg	Thr	His	Val	Ala	Val	Glu	Arg	Tyr	Pro	Ala	Trp	
															95	
GGT	GAT	ACT	GTT	GAA	GTA	GAG	TGC	TGG	GTT	GGT	GCA	TCG	GGA	AAT	AT	337
Gly	Asp	Thr	Val	Glu	Val	Glu	Cys	Trp	Val	Gly	Ala	Ser	Gly	Asn	Asn	
100															110	

FIG.4A

GGC	AGG	CGC	CAT	GAT	TTC	CTT	GTC	CGG	GAC	TGC	AAA	ACA	GGC	GAA	ATT	385
Gly	Arg	Arg	His	Asp	Phe	Leu	Val	Arg	Asp	Cys	Lys	Thr	Gly	Glu	Ile	
115												125				
CTT	ACA	AGA	TGT	ACC	AGT	CTT	TCG	GTG	ATG	ATG	AAT	ACA	AGG	ACA	AGG	433
Leu	Thr	Arg	Cys	Thr	Ser	Leu	Ser	Val	Met	Met	Asn	Thr	Arg	Thr	Arg	
130											140					
AGG	TTG	TCC	AAA	ATC	CCT	GAA	GAA	GTT	AGA	GGG	GAG	ATA	GGG	CCT	GCA	481
Arg	Leu	Ser	Lys	Ile	Pro	Glu	Glu	Val	Arg	Gly	Glu	Ile	Gly	Pro	Ala	
145						150					155				160	
TTC	ATT	GAT	ATG	GTG	GCT	GTC	AAA	GAC	GAG	GAA	ATT	AAG	AAA	CCA	CAG	529
Phe	Ile	Asp	Asn	Val	Ala	Val	lys	ASP	Glu	Glu	Ile	Lys	Lys	Pro	Gln	
											170				175	
AAG	CTC	AAT	GAC	AGC	ACT	GCA	GAT	TAC	ATC	CAA	GGA	TTG	ACT	CCT	577	
Lys	Leu	Asn	Asp	Ser	Thr	Ala	Asp	Tyr	Ile	Gln	Gly	Leu	Thr	Pro		
										180						
CGA	TGG	AAT	GAT	TTG	GAT	ATC	AAT	CAG	CAC	GTG	AAC	ATC	AAA	TAC	625	
Arg	Trp	Asn	Asp	Leu	Asp	Ile	Asn	Gln	His	Val	Asn	Asn	Ile	Lys	Tyr	
										195						
GTT	GAC	TGG	ATT	CTT	GAG	ACT	GTC	CCA	GAC	TCA	ATC	TTT	GAG	AGT	CAT	673
Val	Asp	Trp	Ile	Leu	Glu	Thr	Val	Pro	Asp	Ser	Ile	Phe	Glu	Ser	His	
										210						
										215						
										220						

FIG.4B

CAT ATT TCC AGC TTC ACT ATT GAA TAC AGG AGA GAG TGC ACG AGG GAT 721  
 His Ile Ser Ser Phe Thr Ile Glu Tyr Arg Arg Glu Cys Thr Arg Asp 240  
 225 230 235 240

AGC GTG CTG CAG TCC CTG ACC ACT GTC TCC GGT GGC TCG GAA GCT 769  
 Ser Val Leu Gln Ser Leu Thr Val Thr Val Ser Gly Gly Ser Ser Glu Ala 255  
 245 250 255

GGG TTA GTG TGC GAG CAC TTG CTC CAG CTT GAA GGT TCT GAG GTA 817  
 Gly Leu Val Cys Glu His Leu Leu Gln Leu Glu Gly Ser Glu Val 270  
 260 265 270

TTG AGG GCA AAA ACA GAG TGG AGG CCT AAG CTT ACC GAT AGT TTC AGA 865  
 Leu Arg Ala Lys Thr Glu Trp Arg Pro Lys Leu Thr Asp Ser Phe Arg 285  
 275 280 285

GGG ATT AGT GTG ATA CCC GCA GAA TCG AGT GTC TAACTAACGA AAGAACATC 918  
 Gly Ile Ser Val Ile Pro Ala Glu Ser Ser Val 295  
 290

TGATGAAGT TCTCCTGTGC TGTGTGCGT GAGGATGCTT TTTAGAAGCT GCAGTTTGCA 978

TTGCTTGTGC AGAATCATGG CCTGTGGTT TAGATATATA TTCAAAATTG TCCTATAGTC 1038  
 AAGAAACTTA ATATCAGAAA AATAACTCAA TGAGTCAGG TTATCCAAGT AGTCATGTAA 1098

GCTTTGAATT ATGTTGTTGA TTCCCTGGCT TTATGTAATC TGTAAGCTCT TTCTCTTGC 1157

GAA	TTC	GGC	ACG	GGC	TCC	GGT	GCT	TTC	CAG	GTG	AAG	GCA	AGT	TCC	48
Glu	Phe	Gly	Thr	Arg	Gly	Ser	Gly	Ala	Leu	Gln	Val	Lys	Ala	Ser	Ser
															15
5															
CAA	GCT	CCA	CAG	CTC	AAT	GGT	TCC	AAT	GTG	GGT	TTC	GTT	AAA	TCT	96
Gln	Ala	Pro	Pro	Lys	Leu	Asn	Gly	Ser	Asn	Val	Gly	Leu	Val	Lys	Ser
															30
20															
AGC	CAA	ATT	GTG	AAG	AAG	GGT	GAT	GAC	ACC	ACA	TCT	CCT	GCA	AGA	144
Ser	Gln	Ile	Val	Lys	Lys	Gly	ASP	ASP	Thr	Thr	Ser	Pro	Pro	Pro	Ala
															Arg
35															
ACT	TTC	ATC	AAC	CAA	TTC	CCT	GAT	TGG	AGC	ATG	CTT	CTT	GCT	GCT	192
Thr	Phe	Ile	Asn	Gln	Leu	Pro	Asp	Trp	Ser	Met	Leu	Leu	Ala	Ala	Ile
															60
50															
ACA	ACC	CTG	TRG	GCT	GCA	GAG	CAG	TGG	ATG	ATG	CTT	GAT	TGG	240	
Thr	Thr	Leu	Phe	Leu	Ala	Ala	Glu	Lys	Gln	Trp	Met	Leu	Asp	Trp	
															80
65															
AAA	CCC	AAA	AGG	CCT	GAC	ATG	CTT	GTT	GAT	CCA	TTT	GGT	CTT	GGA	288
Lys	Pro	Lys	Arg	Pro	Asp	Met	Leu	Val	Asp	Pro	Phe	Gly	Leu	Gly	Arg
															95
85															
TTT	GTT	CAG	GAT	GGT	CTT	GTT	TTC	CGC	AAC	AAC	TTT	TCA	ATT	CGA	336
Phe	Val	Gln	Gly	Asp	Gly	Leu	Val	Phe	Arg	Asn	Asn	Phe	Ser	Ile	Ser
															105
100															

FIG. 5A

TAT	GAA	ATA	GGG	GCT	GAT	CGA	ACG	GCT	TCT	ATA	GAA	ACG	TTA	ATG	AAT	384	
Tyr	Glu	Ile	Gly	Ala	Asp	Arg	Thr	Ala	Ser	Ile	Glu	Thr	Leu	Met	Asn		
115																125	
CAT	CTG	CAG	GAA	ACA	GCT	CTT	AAT	CAT	GTG	AAG	TCT	GTT	GGG	CTT	CTT	432	
His	Leu	Gln	Glu	Thr	Ala	Leu	Asn	His	Val	Lys	Ser	Val	Gly	Leu	Leu		
130																140	
GAG	GAT	GGT	GGC	CTA	GGT	TCG	ACT	CGA	GAG	ATG	TCC	TTG	AGG	AAC	CTG	ATA	480
Glu	Asp	Gly	Gly	Leu	Gly	Ser	Thr	Arg	Glu	Met	Ser	Leu	Arg	Asn	Leu	Ile	
145																160	
TGG	GTT	GTC	ACT	AAA	ATG	CAG	GTT	GCG	GTT	GAT	CGC	TAT	CCA	ACT	TGG	528	
Trp	Val	Val	Thr	Lys	Met	Gln	Val	Ala	Val	Asp	Arg	Tyr	Pro	Thr	Trp		
																175	
GGA	GAT	GAA	GTT	CAG	GTA	TCC	TCT	TGG	GCT	ACT	GCA	ATT	CGA	AAG	AAT	576	
Gly	Asp	Glu	Val	Gln	Val	Ser	Ser	Ser	Trp	Ala	Thr	Ala	Ile	Gly	Lys	Asn	
																180	
GGA	ATG	CGT	CGC	GAA	TGG	ATA	GTC	ACT	GAT	TTT	AGA	ACT	GGT	GAA	ACT	624	
Gly	Met	Arg	Arg	Glu	Trp	Ile	Val	Thr	Asp	Phe	Arg	Thr	Gly	Glu	Thr		
																195	
CTA	TTA	AGA	GCC	ACC	AGT	GTT	TGG	GTG	ATG	AAT	AAA	CTG	ACG	AGG		672	
Leu	Leu	Arg	Ala	Thr	Ser	Val	Trp	Val	Met	Met	Asn	Lys	Leu	Thr	Arg		
																215	
																220	

FIG. 5B

AGG	ATA	TCC	AAA	ATC	CCA	GAA	GAG	GTT	TGG	CAC	GAA	ATA	GGC	CCC	TCT	720
Arg	Ile	Ser	Lys	Ile	Pro	Glu	Glu	Val	Trp	His	Glu	Ile	Gly	Pro	Ser	240
225										235						230
TTC	ATT	GAT	GCT	CCT	CTT	CCC	ACC	GTG	GAA	GAT	GAT	GGT	AGA	AAG	768	
Phe	Ile	Asp	Ala	Pro	Pro	Leu	Pro	Thr	Val	Glu	Asp	Gly	Arg	Lys		
										250						245
CTG	ACA	AGG	TTT	GAT	GAA	AGT	TCT	GCA	GAC	TTT	ATC	CGC	NCT	GGT	TTA	816
Leu	Thr	Arg	Phe	Asp	Glu	Ser	Ser	Ala	Asp	Phe	Ile	Arg	XXX	Gly	Leu	
										265						260
ACT	CCT	AGG	TGG	AGT	GAT	TTG	GAC	ATC	AAC	CAG	CAT	GTC	AAC	AAT	GTG	864
Thr	Pro	Arg	Trp	Ser	Asp	Leu	Asp	Ile	Asn	Gln	His	Val	Asn	Asn	Val	
										280						275
AAG	TAC	ATT	GGC	TGG	CTC	CTT	GAG	AGT	GCT	CCG	GAG	ATC	CAC	GAG	912	
Lys	Tyr	Ile	Gly	Trp	Leu	Leu	Glu	Ser	Ala	Pro	Pro	Glu	Ile	His	Glu	
										295						290
AGT	CAC	GAG	ATA	GCG	TCT	CTG	ACT	CTG	GAG	TAC	AGG	AGG	GAG	TGT	GGA	960
Ser	His	Glu	Ile	Ala	Ser	Leu	Thr	Leu	Glu	Tyr	Arg	Arg	Glu	Cys	Gly	
										310						305
AGG	GAC	AGC	GTG	CTG	AAC	TCC	GCG	ACC	AAG	GTC	TCT	GAC	TCC	TCT	CAA	1008
Arg	Asp	Ser	Val	Leu	Asn	Ser	Ala	Thr	Lys	Val	Ser	Asp	Ser	Ser	Gln	
										330						325

FIG. 5C

CTG GGA AAG TCT GCT GTG GAG TGT AAC CAC TTG GTT CGT CTC CAG AAT  
Leu Gly Lys Ser Ala Val Glu Cys Asn His Leu Val Arg Leu Gln Asn 1056  
340 345 350

GGT GGG GAG ATT GTG AAG GGA AGG ACT GTG TGG AGG CCC AAA CGT CCT  
Gly Gly Glu Ile Val Lys Gly Arg Thr Val Trp Arg Pro Lys Arg Pro 1104  
355 360 365

CTT TAC AAT GAT GGT GCT GTT GTG GAC GTG NAA GCT AAA ACC TCT  
Leu Tyr Asn Asp Gly Ala Val Val Asp Val XXX Ala Lys Thr Ser 1149  
370 380

TAAGTCCTAT AGTCCAAGTG AGGAGGAGTT CTATGTATCA GGAAGTTGCT AGGATTCTCA 1209

ATCGCATGTC TCCATTCTT GTGTGAAATA CTGCTCGTGT TTCTAGACTC GCTATATGTT 1269

TGTCTTTA TATATATATA TATATATATA TCTCTCTCTT CCCCCCACCT CTCTCTCTCT 1329

CTCTATAT ATATATGTT TATGTAAGTT TTTCCCTTAG TTTCCCTTCCTTAAGTAATGCG 1389

CATGTAAAT TACTTCAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAACT CGAG 1433

FIG. 5D

GGCACGAGAA ACATGGTGGC TGCCGAGCA AGTTCTGCAT TCTTCTCCGT TCCAACCCCG 60  
GGAATCTCCC CTAAACCCGG GAAGGTTCCGGT AATGGTGGCT TTCAGGTTAA GGCAAAACGCC 120  
AATGCCCATC CTAGTCTAAA GTCTGGCAGC CTCGAGACTG AAGATGACAC TTCATCGTCG 180  
TCCCTCTCTC CTCGGACTTT CATTAAACCAG TTGCCCGACT GGAGTATGCT TCTGTCCGCA 240  
ATCACGACTA TCTTCTGGGC AGCTGAGAAG CAGTGGATGA TGCTTGTAG GAAATCTAAG 300  
NAGACCCGAC ATGCTCATGG CAACCGTTTG GGGTTGACAG TATTGGTTCAG GATGGGGTT 360  
TTTTCAGACA GAGTTTTCG ATTAGATCTT ACGAAATAAGG CGCTGATCGA ACAACCTCAA 420  
TAGAGACGGCT GATGAAACATG TTCCAGGAAA CGTCTTTGAA TCATTGTAAG AGTAACGGTC 480  
TTCTCAATGA CGGCTTGGT CGCAGCTCCTG AGATGTTGTAAGA GAAGGGCCTC ATTTGGTGG 540  
TTACGAAAT GCAGGGTCGAG GTGAAATCGCT ATCCCTATTG GSGTGATTCT ATCGAAAGTCA 600  
ATACTTGGGT CTCCGAGTCG GGGAAAANC GGTATGGTC GTGATGGCT GATAAGTGAT 660

FIG.6A

TGCACTACAG GAGNAATTCTTGTAAGAGC AACGAGCGTG TGGCTATGA TGAATCAAAA 720  
GACGAGAAGA TTGTCAAAT TTCCATTGAG GTTTCGACAA GAGATAGCGC CTAATTGTGT 780  
CGACTCTGT CCTGTCAATTG AAGACGGATCG AAAATTACAC AAGCTTGATG TGAAGACGGG 840  
TGATTCCATT CACAAATGGTC TAACTCCAAG GTGGAAATGAC TTGGATGTCA ATCAGGACAGT 900  
TAACAATGTG AAATACATTG GGTGGATTCT CAAGAGTGT CCAACAGATG TTTTTGGCC 960  
CCAGGAGCTA TGTGGA 976

GGCGGCCGG TACCTCTAGA CCTGGGATT CAACCGTGGTC GGATCATGAC GCTTCCAGAA 60  
AACATCGAGC AAGCTCTCAA AGCTGACCTC TTTCCGGATCG TACTGAAACCC GAACAAATCTC 120  
GTTATGTCCC GTCGTCTCCG AACAGACATC CTCGTAGCTC GGATTATCGA CGAATCCATG 180  
GCTATACCCA ACCCTCCGTCT TCGTCACGCC TGGAAACCCTC TGGTACGCCA ATTCCCCTCC 240  
CCAGAAGCAA CCGGGCCGA ATTCCGGCAA TTGCTGACCT GGAGACGGAA CATCGTCGTC 300  
GGGTCTTGC GCGATTGCGG CGGAAGCCGG GTCGGGGTGG GGACGGAGACC CGAATCCGAG 360  
CCTGGTGAAG AGGTGTTCA TCGGAGATT ATAGACGGAG ATGGGATCGAG CGGTTTTGGG 420  
GAAAGGGAA GTGGGTTTGG CTCTTTTGG TAGAGAGAGT GCAGGCTTGG AGAGAGACTG 480  
GAGAGTTA GAGGAGACG CGGGGGATAT TACCGGAGGA GAGGGACGA GAGATAGCAT 540  
TATCGAAGGG GAGGGAGAAA GAGTGACGTC GAGAAATAAG AAACCGTTAA GAGTCGGATA 600

FIG. 7A

TTTATCATAT TAAAGCCA ATGGCCTGA ACCCATTTAA ACAAGACAGA TAAATGGGCC 660  
GTTGTTAAG TTACAGAGT GTTAACGTTG GGTTCAAT GCCAACGCCA TAGGAAACAAA 720  
ACAAACCGTGT CCTCAAGTAA ACCCCTGCCG TTTACACCTC AATGGCTGCA TGGTGAAGCC 780  
ATTAACACGGT GGCGTAGGAT GCATGACGAC GCCATTGACA CCTGACTCTC TTCCCTCTC 840  
TTCATATATC TCTAATCAAT TCAACTACTC ATTGTCACTAG CTATTGGAA AATACATACA 900  
CATCCCTTTC TCTTCGATCT CTCTCAATTCAACAGGCA AAGTCGACGG ATCCCTGGAG 960  
TAATTACCC CATGACTATT TTCTAGTCC AATAAGGCTG ATGTCGGAG TCCAGTTTAT 1020  
GAGCAATAAG GTGTTAGAA TTGATCAAT GTTATAATA AAAGGGGAA GATGATATCA 1080  
CAGTCCTTTC TTCTTTTG CTTTGTAA ATTCTGTGT TTCTTATTGT AACCTCCTG 1140  
TATATGTTGT ACTTCTTCC CTTTTAAGT GGTATCGTCT ATATGGTAAACGTTATGTT 1200

FIG. 7B

TGGCTTTCC TTTCTCTGT TTAGGATAAA AAGACTGCAT GTTTATCCTT TAGTTATATT 1260  
ATGTTGAGTA AATGAACTTT CATAGATCTG GTTCCGTAGA GTAGACTAGC AGCCGAGGCTG 1320  
AGCTGAAC TG AACAGCTGGC AATGTGAACA CTGGATGCAA GATCAGATGT GAAGATCTCT 1380  
AATATGCTGG TGGGATGTGAA CATATCGTGT CTATATTCTT GTTGCGCATTA AGCTCTTAAC 1440  
ATAGATATAA CTGATGCCAGT CATTGGTICA TACACATATA TAGTAAGGAA TTACAAATGGC 1500  
AACCCAAACT TCAAAACAG TAGGCCACCT GAATTGCCCTT ATCGAATAAG AGTTTGTTC 1560  
CCCCCACTTC ATGGGATGTAA ATACATGGGA TTGGGAGTT TGAATGAACG TTGAGACATG 1620  
GCAGAACCTC TAGAGGTACC GGCGCGC 1647

FIG. 7C

SAMPLE	% 8:0	%10:0	%12:0	%14:0	%16:0	%16:1	%18:0	%18:1	%18:2	%18:3	%20:0	%20:1	%20:2	%22:0	%22:1	%22:2
3854-3	0.00	1.84	0.03	0.07	4.54	0.21	2.62	69.78	17.22	1.34	0.78	1.16	0.04	0.38	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	1.53	0.12	7.63	21.94	0.25	7.00	44.67	12.99	1.00	1.65	0.65	0.01	0.57	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	0.15	0.27	16.40	31.31	0.45	7.02	25.70	15.12	0.91	1.78	0.36	0.00	0.51	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	0.80	0.22	14.53	29.02	0.37	7.05	29.67	14.58	0.96	1.81	0.45	0.01	0.54	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	1.46	0.30	18.86	32.21	0.31	7.50	22.53	12.67	0.85	2.26	0.33	0.01	0.71	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	3.94	0.28	15.46	28.46	0.49	7.09	26.38	14.72	0.92	1.58	0.29	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.01
3854-3	0.00	2.15	0.24	19.46	33.03	0.20	6.19	23.09	11.66	0.93	2.06	0.31	0.00	0.68	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	3.81	0.12	16.79	32.73	0.35	7.69	23.07	10.83	0.96	2.54	0.26	0.00	0.86	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	6.40	0.38	20.90	30.38	0.41	6.27	21.28	10.61	0.90	1.79	0.22	0.02	0.40	0.01	0.00
3854-3	0.00	6.28	0.45	23.89	37.77	0.37	9.59	13.52	4.02	0.23	2.47	0.60	0.00	0.81	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	1.04	0.04	0.09	4.49	0.11	2.31	69.29	18.94	1.42	0.75	1.19	0.02	0.31	0.00	0.00
3854-3	0.00	3.04	0.18	19.35	32.37	0.31	7.35	22.76	10.24	0.98	2.35	0.29	0.00	0.76	0.01	0.00
3854-11	0.00	1.39	0.33	17.95	30.29	0.66	6.77	23.35	15.37	1.03	1.87	0.35	0.01	0.62	0.00	0.00
3854-11	0.00	1.93	0.36	21.31	31.37	0.34	6.09	22.92	12.38	1.05	1.96	0.06	0.02	0.20	0.01	0.00
3854-11	0.00	1.22	0.27	18.75	31.33	0.50	6.91	25.50	13.08	0.89	1.12	0.31	0.01	0.11	0.01	0.01
3854-11	0.00	1.53	0.23	17.30	33.28	0.56	1.25	29.63	14.07	0.41	0.90	0.30	0.01	0.49	0.00	0.04
3854-11	0.00	0.50	0.03	0.04	3.93	0.07	2.92	76.55	12.30	0.99	0.95	1.27	0.02	0.42	0.01	0.00
3854-11	0.00	0.91	0.35	16.96	30.43	0.45	7.67	25.02	15.14	0.85	1.57	0.31	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00
3854-11	0.00	1.44	0.38	23.03	33.37	0.45	7.07	19.31	11.50	0.98	1.73	0.23	0.00	0.52	0.01	0.00
3854-11	0.00	2.17	0.30	18.27	32.78	0.43	7.17	24.74	10.03	0.82	2.30	0.29	0.01	0.70	0.00	0.00
3854-11	0.00	1.73	0.29	21.83	32.82	0.30	7.41	20.85	11.18	0.71	2.07	0.19	0.00	0.61	0.00	0.00
3854-11	0.00	1.50	0.42	23.00	32.88	0.42	6.86	17.89	13.69	0.86	1.74	0.23	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00
3854-11	0.00	2.16	0.34	21.37	36.03	0.27	8.12	19.29	8.56	0.60	2.25	0.25	0.00	0.75	0.01	0.00
3854-11	0.00	2.71	0.32	20.56	33.43	0.79	7.70	20.91	10.42	0.88	1.66	0.17	0.01	0.44	0.00	0.00

Figure 8

SAMPLE	% 8:0	% 10:0	% 12:0	% 14:0	% 16:0	% 16:1	% 18:0	% 18:1	% 18:2	% 18:3	% 20:0	% 20:1	% 20:2	% 22:0	% 22:1	% 22:2
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.01	10.88	12.07	0.45	1.63	45.12	15.93	12.05	0.22	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.62	6.78	10.89	0.42	1.52	48.26	16.45	14.04	0.31	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.32	5.22	11.15	0.62	1.33	46.32	19.06	14.81	0.38	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.10	11.92	13.11	0.48	1.17	41.16	18.63	12.06	0.08	0.22	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.47	6.39	12.06	0.49	1.55	44.78	20.34	13.11	0.16	0.62	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.60	14.96	13.99	0.46	1.26	38.28	16.52	12.19	0.09	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.74	15.07	12.96	0.46	1.48	40.24	15.80	11.54	0.08	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.21	12.56	12.78	0.48	1.48	43.93	14.62	11.86	0.33	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.97	11.85	14.12	0.56	1.23	41.07	17.69	11.87	0.08	0.49	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.83	8.97	12.39	0.42	1.58	48.28	16.85	9.56	0.34	0.69	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.93	10.31	12.40	0.48	1.79	47.27	14.61	11.15	0.33	0.67	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00
5233-5	1.84	0.00	0.08	0.13	7.23	0.17	1.62	53.76	19.19	14.81	0.31	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.08	11.33	11.69	0.41	1.37	48.20	13.69	11.39	0.25	0.57	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.92	11.49	13.95	0.63	1.15	39.54	18.18	13.09	0.24	0.68	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.03
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.63	8.78	12.57	0.33	1.10	43.92	18.31	13.42	0.19	0.67	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.80	17.17	14.47	0.54	1.23	38.34	15.29	10.44	0.14	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.95	17.01	14.57	0.70	1.29	35.66	17.51	10.43	0.21	0.64	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.87	11.22	13.23	0.40	1.29	40.45	18.98	12.75	0.16	0.54	0.00	0.09	0.02	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.03	11.39	12.29	0.41	1.70	44.98	14.84	11.99	0.43	0.83	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03
5233-5	0.00	0.00	0.76	8.93	13.19	0.20	1.26	41.27	19.80	14.12	0.07	0.34	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.10	11.90	11.95	0.46	1.68	45.86	13.59	12.37	0.32	0.72	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.05	10.72	12.43	0.44	1.49	43.90	15.96	13.12	0.15	0.70	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.04	11.64	12.34	0.44	1.66	45.20	14.22	12.35	0.31	0.69	0.04	0.07	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.37	0.45	4.76	11.20	0.12	0.94	45.76	21.36	14.10	0.09	0.83	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
5233-5	0.00	0.00	1.51	15.42	14.10	0.53	1.48	39.41	14.68	12.21	0.08	0.58	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00

Figure 9A

SAMPLE	% 8:0	% 10:0	% 12:0	% 14:0	% 16:0	% 16:1	% 18:0	% 18:1	% 18:2	% 18:3	% 20:0	% 20:1	% 20:2	% 22:0	% 22:1	% 22:2
5233-6	0.00	0.19	1.60	15.35	13.19	0.53	1.33	41.03	14.00	11.85	0.15	0.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.37	15.02	13.03	0.53	1.57	42.48	12.42	12.59	0.30	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.32	13.77	12.79	0.41	1.26	42.40	14.19	12.80	0.27	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.37	14.16	12.64	0.30	1.39	43.59	13.27	12.30	0.29	0.60	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.03
5233-6	0.00	0.00	2.05	18.99	14.48	0.41	1.22	37.18	13.57	11.46	0.14	0.47	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	0.75	8.54	12.62	0.43	1.37	46.23	18.76	10.22	0.39	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
5233-6	0.00	0.00	0.18	2.53	9.04	0.19	1.53	52.87	17.70	14.68	0.33	0.92	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	0.15	2.93	10.02	0.26	1.28	49.86	21.85	12.61	0.28	0.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.95	17.52	13.40	0.55	1.54	40.26	12.87	10.98	0.25	0.66	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	7.85	0.19	1.46	54.44	19.60	15.01	0.31	0.91	0.05	0.07	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.25	12.71	12.78	0.53	1.06	42.38	15.85	12.75	0.20	0.39	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.61	16.02	13.44	0.49	1.43	40.44	13.83	11.73	0.32	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	0.48	5.65	10.20	0.32	1.61	50.49	16.71	13.30	0.19	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.55	15.42	13.48	0.41	1.40	40.74	13.95	11.79	0.29	0.79	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.06	10.96	12.39	0.53	1.54	42.30	16.35	13.76	0.30	0.77	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.59	15.50	13.40	0.44	1.31	39.72	15.62	11.50	0.19	0.67	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	2.62	21.42	14.67	0.42	1.32	35.45	12.71	10.61	0.17	0.57	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.00	1.46	14.23	12.72	0.44	1.31	42.86	13.86	12.19	0.25	0.58	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.99	0.00	2.47	20.66	14.57	0.47	1.25	34.24	13.72	10.78	0.15	0.56	0.08	0.03	0.01	0.00
5233-6	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.22	7.73	0.18	1.35	53.50	20.65	15.16	0.16	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.22	1.00	0.40	5.08	9.95	0.25	1.26	50.05	16.93	13.69	0.21	0.87	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.05
5233-6	0.00	0.00	2.73	20.62	14.73	0.52	1.50	35.20	14.55	9.33	0.22	0.55	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
5233-6	0.53	0.32	1.60	14.10	12.18	0.51	1.39	43.88	12.56	12.27	0.30	0.34	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
5233-6	2.04	0.21	0.07	0.53	8.51	0.13	0.82	48.89	22.20	15.42	0.39	0.52	0.06	0.05	0.11	0.06
5233-6	0.29	0.45	1.66	15.50	12.49	0.33	0.27	44.04	12.90	11.39	0.07	0.52	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.03

Figure 9B

SAMPLE	%8:0	%10:0	%12:0	%14:0	%16:0	%16:1	%18:0	%18:1	%18:2	%18:3	%20:0	%20:1	%20:2	%22:0	%22:1	%22:2
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.23	36.72	21.59	0.17	1.66	20.65	16.21	1.38	0.65	0.46	0.02	0.25	0.01	0.01
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.33	42.87	18.70	0.30	1.72	18.86	14.79	1.36	0.57	0.40	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.24	36.56	19.03	0.29	1.76	22.75	16.47	1.74	0.58	0.39	0.02	0.15	0.01	0.01
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.32	42.65	19.06	0.33	2.26	18.58	14.01	1.43	0.68	0.33	0.03	0.27	0.02	0.03
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.33	42.48	19.74	0.40	2.34	18.72	13.55	1.38	0.66	0.27	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.02
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.33	42.88	18.88	0.30	1.95	17.73	15.44	1.44	0.64	0.27	0.04	0.08	0.02	0.01
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.22	40.89	20.63	0.24	1.81	17.77	15.76	1.39	0.65	0.35	0.06	0.22	0.01	0.01
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.20	29.49	17.06	0.24	1.86	28.63	19.46	1.68	0.58	0.66	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.02
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.39	41.52	18.34	0.32	2.15	19.57	15.19	1.54	0.56	0.31	0.03	0.07	0.00	0.02
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.30	37.55	20.00	0.23	1.79	23.58	13.87	1.47	0.59	0.51	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.02
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.13	21.84	17.17	0.25	2.50	37.17	17.07	1.80	0.75	0.80	0.12	0.38	0.02	0.02
3863-10	0.00	0.00	0.14	25.13	17.66	0.23	2.00	31.52	20.07	1.42	0.65	0.81	0.05	0.29	0.01	0.00
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.18	21.00	15.58	0.42	2.80	37.13	18.53	2.66	0.87	0.47	0.07	0.23	0.04	0.02
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.14	16.64	14.67	0.38	2.99	38.90	21.75	2.91	0.81	0.56	0.08	0.13	0.03	0.02
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.12	18.54	15.25	0.37	3.11	39.03	19.32	2.58	0.88	0.58	0.05	0.12	0.04	0.02
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.12	18.55	14.81	0.38	3.16	37.62	20.65	3.20	0.82	0.42	0.02	0.19	0.03	0.02
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.16	6.07	0.35	3.12	63.30	22.03	2.68	0.96	1.06	0.03	0.15	0.02	0.05
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.14	16.90	14.90	0.41	2.97	40.23	20.11	2.83	0.79	0.63	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.02
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.15	12.57	13.66	0.57	3.48	44.45	20.42	3.07	0.98	0.48	0.02	0.10	0.03	0.02
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.11	10.22	12.64	0.58	3.83	46.53	20.86	3.35	1.14	0.46	0.03	0.19	0.03	0.04
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.09	15.48	14.28	0.83	3.00	39.64	21.56	3.77	0.76	0.39	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.08	10.89	12.79	0.54	3.00	46.69	21.23	3.54	0.76	0.29	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.03
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.14	9.77	12.73	0.51	3.74	46.96	20.90	3.37	1.02	0.50	0.04	0.26	0.04	0.01
3863-7	0.00	0.00	0.16	15.86	14.25	0.51	3.46	41.12	19.50	3.32	0.89	0.60	0.07	0.17	0.03	0.04
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.17	15.69	14.91	1.21	2.32	31.36	29.72	3.01	0.85	0.49	0.05	0.14	0.05	0.02
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.23	38.63	19.96	0.29	1.41	20.94	15.70	-1.39	0.62	0.54	0.03	0.25	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.75	33.27	0.11	8.98	7.98	3.42	0.06	2.33	17.44	0.08	0.18	0.13	0.27
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.17	30.59	19.06	0.26	1.70	27.57	17.30	1.41	0.76	0.74	0.04	0.38	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.16	28.93	17.51	0.27	2.25	28.14	19.06	1.87	0.78	0.59	0.04	0.39	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.18	38.07	21.62	0.22	1.55	22.37	13.14	1.11	0.79	0.52	0.03	0.39	0.01	0.00

FIGURE 10A

SAMPLE	%8:0	%10:0	%12:0	%14:0	%16:0	%16:1	%18:0	%18:1	%18:2	%18:3	%20:0	%20:1	%20:2	%22:0	%22:1	%22:2
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.18	29.22	18.35	0.34	2.02	29.70	16.70	1.58	0.74	0.79	0.06	0.29	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.23	34.61	19.74	0.17	1.70	24.07	16.55	1.21	0.70	0.65	0.04	0.31	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.18	30.56	18.47	0.19	2.08	28.61	16.81	1.50	0.68	0.63	0.04	0.24	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.21	37.45	21.35	0.19	1.61	23.60	12.97	1.07	0.71	0.54	0.03	0.25	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.18	29.70	18.98	0.19	2.03	29.00	16.70	1.36	0.77	0.73	0.00	0.36	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.22	37.87	20.27	0.23	1.93	22.06	14.51	1.31	0.77	0.48	0.02	0.31	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.21	39.14	21.36	0.19	1.64	21.46	13.42	1.13	0.69	0.37	0.09	0.30	0.01	0.00
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.20	38.94	20.69	0.25	1.38	18.57	17.11	1.37	0.67	0.39	0.04	0.36	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.21	5.81	0.32	4.29	65.31	18.68	2.19	1.38	1.19	0.01	0.59	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.17	8.14	0.61	4.97	54.61	25.74	3.28	1.50	0.67	0.05	0.14	0.04	0.02
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.16	30.31	19.06	0.26	1.92	27.23	17.65	1.58	0.76	0.72	0.03	0.32	0.00	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.20	32.77	18.77	0.23	1.92	27.37	15.76	1.35	0.66	0.67	0.02	0.26	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.28	37.97	19.58	0.34	1.74	21.75	15.46	1.60	0.66	0.46	0.03	0.10	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.25	39.54	19.76	0.26	1.79	19.97	15.78	1.50	0.63	0.39	0.01	0.10	0.00	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.19	31.46	18.50	0.17	2.00	30.06	14.81	1.30	0.75	0.66	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.23	34.79	19.64	0.38	1.96	22.66	17.04	1.78	0.85	0.49	0.03	0.10	0.02	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.21	31.55	18.70	0.23	2.16	27.97	15.73	1.44	0.83	0.70	0.04	0.40	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.18	29.27	18.66	0.25	2.22	31.60	14.42	1.74	0.79	0.76	0.04	0.08	0.01	0.00
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.58	50.92	32.69	0.46	4.72	5.73	2.75	0.16	1.17	0.39	0.06	0.28	0.05	0.05
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.28	40.26	19.58	0.20	1.48	20.62	15.20	1.24	0.58	0.48	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.00
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.20	32.09	18.27	0.17	2.03	28.26	15.99	1.43	0.71	0.74	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.38	4.65	0.26	3.07	62.89	24.59	1.83	0.85	1.12	0.01	0.26	0.04	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.19	30.34	18.77	0.28	1.83	25.81	19.41	1.46	0.73	0.77	0.03	0.36	0.01	0.02
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.38	5.07	0.29	3.36	64.47	22.34	1.91	0.95	1.09	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.22	37.53	20.33	0.30	1.87	21.73	15.14	1.30	0.80	0.46	0.03	0.29	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	5.09	0.31	3.37	66.30	20.02	1.78	1.03	1.17	0.02	0.52	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.38	4.79	0.23	3.87	68.32	17.76	1.98	1.07	1.16	0.01	0.37	0.02	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.17	25.22	18.00	0.35	2.59	34.34	15.42	1.65	0.99	0.74	0.02	0.47	0.02	0.02
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.17	29.76	18.99	0.21	2.32	31.59	13.69	1.20	0.86	0.78	0.04	0.38	0.01	0.01
3863-4	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.43	4.99	0.28	3.24	64.01	22.34	2.08	0.98	1.16	0.03	0.41	0.01	0.01
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.10	5.32	0.31	3.67	61.45	24.35	2.55	0.96	1.14	0.02	0.09	0.01	0.02	

FIGURE 10B

SAMPLE	%8:0	%10:0	%12:0	%14:0	%16:0	%16:1	%18:0	%18:1	%18:2	%18:3	%20:0	%20:1	%20:2	%22:0	%22:1	%22:2	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.10	5.94	0.38	3.09	56.78	28.77	2.79	0.89	0.99	0.04	0.15	0.03	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.14	5.78	0.36	3.44	64.06	21.60	2.45	0.91	1.02	0.02	0.15	0.02	0.02	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.09	5.37	0.33	3.45	63.65	22.77	2.20	0.90	0.99	0.04	0.15	0.01	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.09	6.57	0.45	4.04	58.85	24.60	3.22	1.00	0.84	0.04	0.19	0.02	0.02	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.07	5.61	0.32	3.45	60.39	25.33	2.63	1.02	1.02	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.02	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.12	5.80	0.42	3.87	66.16	18.67	2.47	1.03	0.89	0.10	0.40	0.01	0.02	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.09	5.52	0.33	3.26	61.36	24.50	2.43	0.93	1.07	0.03	0.45	0.01	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.15	5.25	0.25	3.14	62.11	24.32	2.41	0.85	1.08	0.04	0.36	0.01	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.19	6.47	0.43	4.15	56.05	27.43	2.97	1.12	0.84	0.02	0.25	0.02	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.07	5.61	0.32	3.45	60.39	25.33	2.63	1.02	1.02	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.02	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.12	5.80	0.42	3.87	66.16	18.67	2.47	1.03	0.89	0.10	0.40	0.01	0.02	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.09	5.52	0.33	3.26	61.36	24.50	2.43	0.93	1.07	0.03	0.45	0.01	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.15	5.25	0.25	3.14	62.11	24.32	2.41	0.85	1.08	0.04	0.36	0.01	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.19	6.47	0.43	4.15	56.05	27.43	2.97	1.12	0.84	0.02	0.25	0.02	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.16	6.13	0.38	3.48	59.94	24.95	2.68	0.97	0.86	0.05	0.33	0.02	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.09	5.65	0.36	3.71	61.34	24.00	2.58	0.98	1.00	0.08	0.18	0.01	0.01	
3863-8	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.22	26.95	17.05	0.28	2.31	32.94	15.90	2.37	0.84	0.64	0.11	0.36	0.02	0.01
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	8.01	0.05	0.74	3.06	58.33	22.87	3.86	0.94	0.82	0.04	0.29	0.06	0.03
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.81	8.05	0.05	0.74	3.06	58.33	22.87	3.86	0.94	0.82	0.04	0.29	0.06	0.03
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.13	19.27	15.52	0.42	2.89	40.66	16.82	2.47	0.91	0.68	0.02	0.17	0.02	0.01	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.15	24.15	17.73	0.32	2.18	36.80	14.75	1.69	0.85	0.84	0.04	0.47	0.01	0.01	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.19	25.37	17.25	0.25	2.66	32.97	17.44	1.67	0.94	0.78	0.01	0.45	0.00	0.01	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.59	7.21	0.67	2.91	56.35	26.68	2.99	1.06	0.92	0.07	0.44	0.02	0.05	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.20	27.82	18.08	0.37	2.56	33.69	13.30	1.77	0.97	0.68	0.02	0.51	0.01	0.03	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.13	20.71	17.03	0.29	2.72	37.93	16.70	1.84	1.13	0.80	0.01	0.68	0.01	0.01	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.17	26.25	17.87	0.22	2.26	37.01	12.61	1.48	0.85	0.82	0.05	0.41	0.01	0.00	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.14	22.96	16.51	0.28	2.58	38.26	15.70	1.91	0.80	0.76	0.03	0.06	0.02	0.01	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.15	22.04	16.77	0.20	2.61	40.01	14.57	1.96	0.81	0.71	0.04	0.11	0.02	0.01	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.28	5.70	0.34	3.24	65.13	20.60	2.42	1.08	1.03	0.01	0.08	0.03	0.02	
3863-2	0.00	0.00	0.17	23.40	16.42	0.41	2.44	32.08	21.06	2.40	0.80	0.61	0.02	0.14	0.02	0.02	
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.25	27.71	15.98	0.45	2.68	28.97	20.24	2.49	0.60	0.46	0.03	0.10	0.03	0.03	
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.20	28.26	17.16	0.32	2.23	31.84	16.72	1.68	0.74	0.68	0.03	0.13	0.01	0.01	
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.16	19.06	15.20	0.51	3.02	36.54	21.29	2.76	0.92	0.38	0.02	0.10	0.01	0.01	
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.29	6.06	0.37	3.26	53.48	31.80	2.74	0.78	0.88	0.05	0.18	0.04	0.03	
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.26	25.74	16.20	0.51	2.92	31.55	18.82	2.53	0.86	0.46	0.03	0.09	0.02	0.01	
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.19	20.65	15.48	0.38	2.76	35.90	20.56	2.54	0.78	0.61	0.06	0.06	0.01	0.02	
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.19	25.88	16.67	0.31	2.38	34.81	16.50	1.90	0.72	0.54	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	

FIGURE 10C

SAMPLE	%8:0	%10:0	%12:0	%14:0	%16:0	%16:1	%18:0	%18:1	%18:2	%18:3	%20:0	%20:1	%20:2	%22:0	%22:1	%22:2
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.20	29.58	16.88	0.31	2.01	28.68	18.97	1.82	0.62	0.69	0.03	0.17	0.01	0.02
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.76	8.04	0.69	4.85	52.50	26.95	3.82	1.21	0.84	0.02	0.19	0.04	0.03
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.14	16.17	14.15	0.57	3.81	37.23	23.14	3.08	0.98	0.53	0.03	0.09	0.02	0.04
3863-5	0.00	0.00	0.30	38.75	18.50	0.27	1.71	21.34	16.39	1.57	0.64	0.44	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.01

FIGURE 10D

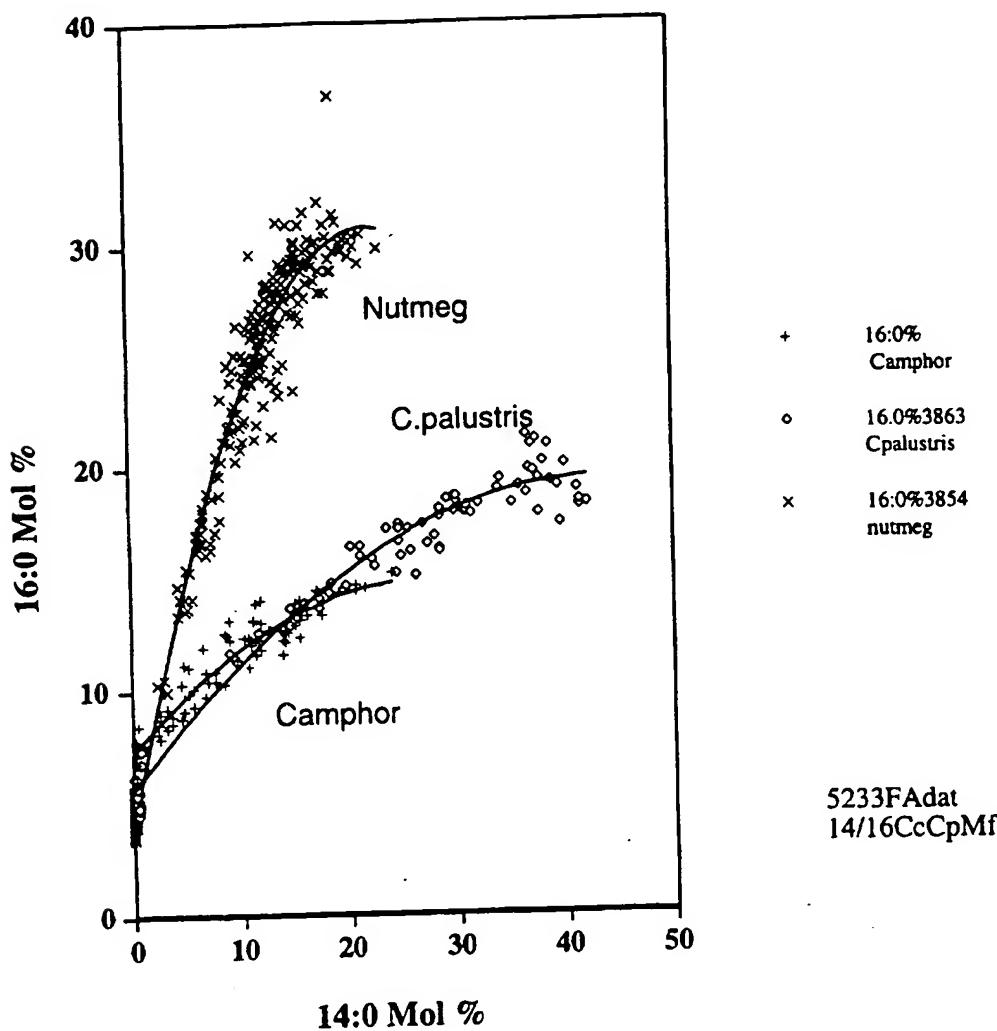


FIGURE 11

STRAIN_ID	8:0	10:0	12:0	14:0	16:0	16:1	18:0	18:1	18:2	18:3	20:0	20:1	20:2	22:0	22:1	22:2	24:0	24:1
3857-1	0	0.17	0.03	0.10	4.92	0.27	2.94	67.48	20.39	1.42	0.80	1.07	0.06	0.35	0	0	0	0
3857-2	0	0.16	0.25	10.94	23.01	0.73	5.74	37.57	17.82	1.19	1.48	0.59	0.02	0.49	0	0	0	0
3857-3	0	0.18	0.20	8.20	19.90	0.60	6.02	43.84	17.02	1.32	1.49	0.67	0.03	0.51	0	0	0	0
3857-4	0	0.18	0.23	11.15	28.00	0.94	5.44	30.86	19.46	1.44	1.37	0.47	0.00	0.46	0	0	0	0
3857-5	0	0.15	0.12	5.47	17.47	0.57	4.72	46.31	21.17	1.52	1.27	0.76	0.00	0.46	0	0	0	0
3857-7	0	0.16	0.14	5.00	14.03	0.53	4.29	52.91	19.24	1.39	1.11	0.79	0.01	0.40	0.01	0	0	0
3857-8	0	0.17	0.21	9.48	21.90	0.75	5.43	39.22	19.12	1.30	1.33	0.60	0.03	0.45	0	0	0	0
3857-9	0	0.15	0.19	8.65	20.70	0.63	5.57	42.80	17.57	1.27	1.37	0.64	0.01	0.45	0	0	0	0
3857-10	0	0.14	0.25	10.92	26.41	0.78	6.70	34.63	16.16	1.27	1.67	0.47	0.03	0.57	0.01	0	0	0
3857-11	0	0.16	0.14	5.75	17.17	0.63	5.04	46.43	20.68	1.46	1.31	0.70	0.04	0.49	0	0	0	0
3857-12	0	0.18	0.13	4.38	15.86	0.75	4.96	47.97	21.66	1.55	1.25	0.75	0.01	0.53	0.01	0	0	0
3857-13	0	0.17	0.18	7.18	18.93	0.67	5.29	43.03	20.70	1.40	1.28	0.67	0.04	0.45	0	0	0	0
3857-14	0	0.25	0.17	5.81	17.94	0.79	4.96	40.28	25.58	1.75	1.25	0.67	0.05	0.51	0	0	0	0
3857-15	0	0.20	0.13	4.52	14.83	0.63	4.21	47.22	24.45	1.58	1.03	0.74	0.05	0.39	0	0	0	0
3857-16	0	0.18	0.21	9.47	21.28	0.62	5.65	39.68	19.07	1.29	1.39	0.64	0.01	0.49	0	0	0	0
3857-17	0	0.17	0.13	5.62	17.52	0.60	4.88	47.62	19.75	1.35	1.19	0.71	0.04	0.43	0	0	0	0
3857-18	0	0.21	0.05	0.12	5.20	0.31	2.82	63.74	23.92	1.63	0.69	0.96	0.06	0.30	0	0	0	0
3857-19	0	0.18	0.17	6.95	19.06	0.69	5.24	43.48	20.57	1.37	1.22	0.65	0.01	0.42	0	0	0	0
3857-20	0	0.21	0.15	5.91	16.71	0.54	5.43	47.68	19.32	1.42	1.34	0.75	0.04	0.50	0	0	0	0
3864-2	0	0.19	0.28	23.17	20.08	0.33	2.08	27.83	22.17	1.69	0.67	0.80	0.08	0.33	0.28	0	0	0
3864-3	0	0.14	0.14	16.71	13.55	0.23	2.33	46.35	17.62	1.17	0.64	0.83	0.03	0.26	0	0	0	0
3864-4	0	0.19	0.08	3.12	6.89	0.31	2.67	61.32	22.05	1.47	0.65	0.91	0.06	0.28	0	0	0	0
3864-5	0	0.15	0.12	15.38	13.36	0.26	2.11	45.23	20.23	1.33	0.61	0.87	0.06	0.27	0.01	0	0	0
3864-6	0	0.12	0.14	17.86	14.65	0.30	1.90	38.82	23.07	1.48	0.56	0.78	0.07	0.25	0	0	0	0
3864-7	0	0.16	0.17	16.15	15.07	0.28	2.15	43.01	19.71	1.43	0.66	0.82	0.07	0.32	0	0	0	0
3864-8	0	0.14	0.20	22.94	18.12	0.24	2.04	34.27	19.13	1.23	0.62	0.74	0.06	0.26	0	0	0	0
3864-9	0	0.15	0.31	34.82	21.52	0.29	2.02	17.67	19.80	1.65	0.77	0.47	0.07	0.40	0.06	0	0	0
3864-10	0	0.11	0.16	21.21	15.67	0.25	1.72	35.98	22.00	1.32	0.53	0.75	0.06	0.24	0	0	0	0
3864-11	0	0.11	0.11	14.65	13.34	0.27	2.00	43.48	22.98	1.32	0.58	0.83	0.06	0.26	0	0	0	0
3864-12	0	0.13	0.14	17.73	14.18	0.26	1.98	40.29	22.37	1.35	0.55	0.76	0.01	0.24	0	0	0	0

FIGURE 12

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/US 96/01585

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 6 C12N15/82 C12N15/55 A01H5/00 C11B1/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 6 C12N A01H C11B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO,A,94 10288 (CALGENE INC ;VOELKER TONI ALOIS (US); DAVIES HUW MAELOR (US); KNUT) 11 May 1994 see page 24, line 29 - page 25, line 5 see page 32 - page 34 see page 32, line 32 - page 34, line 25 see figure 8 see figure 1	1-3,8, 21,22
Y	see page 24, line 29 - page 25, line 5 see page 32 - page 34 see page 32, line 32 - page 34, line 25 see figure 8 see figure 1	4-6
X	WO,A,92 20236 (CALGENE INC) 26 November 1992	21
Y	see page 5, line 16 - line 28 see page 38, line 35 - page 40 see page 44, line 24 - page 50A see page 64, line 22 - line 29 see figure 5B; example 5 see figure 1A	4-6
	---	
	-/-	

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

## \* Special categories of cited documents :

- \*A\* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- \*E\* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- \*L\* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- \*O\* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- \*P\* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

\*T\* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

\*X\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

\*Y\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

\*&\* document member of the same patent family

6

Date of the actual completion of the international search

25 September 1996

Date of mailing of the international search report

18.10.96

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2  
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk  
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,  
Fax (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Maddox, A

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/US 96/01585

C(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
O,X	KADER, J.-C. AND P. MAZLIAK (ED.). PLANT LIPID METABOLISM; 11TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON PLANT LIPIDS, PARIS, FRANCE, JUNE 26-JULY 1, 1994. XX+588P. KLUWER ACADEMIC PUBLISHERS: DORDRECHT, NETHERLANDS; NORWELL, MASSACHUSETTS, USA. 0 (0). 1995. 495-498., XP000600383 MARTINI N., ET AL: "Expression of acyl-(ACP) thioesterase in Cuphea lanceolata and in transgenic rapeseed." see the whole document ---	22
P,X	SCIENCE (WASHINGTON D C) 268 (5211). 1995. 681-686., XP002014017 TOEPPER R., ET AL: "Modification of plant lipid synthesis." see page 684, right-hand column; figure 3 ---	1-6,8,9, 12,14, 15,18-22
P,X	WO,A,95 06740 (MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT; TOEPPER REINHARD (DE); MARTINI NORBERT (D) 9 March 1995 see page 13, last paragraph - page 16 ---	1-6,9, 12,14, 15,18-22
P,X	WO,A,95 13390 (CALGENE INC ;VOELKER TONI ALOIS (US); YUAN LING (US); KRIDL JEAN () 18 May 1995 see page 51; figures 5A-E see figures 9A-F see figure 14 ---	15,18-21
P,X	WO,A,95 27791 (CALGENE INC ;DAVIES HUW MAELOR (US); HAWKINS DEBORAH (US); NELSEN) 19 October 1995 see page 90, line 18 - line 25 ---	1-4,8,21
P,X	PLANT PHYSIOLOGY SUPPLEMENT, vol. 108, no. 2, June 1995, page 49 XP002014018 DEHESH, K., ET AL.: "Unraveling the molecular mechanism determining the fatty acyl composition of Cuphea palustris seed oil" see abstract 183 ---	21-23
P,X	PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USA, vol. 92, November 1995, WASHINGTON US, pages 10639-10643, XP002014019 YUAN, L., ET AL.: "Modification of the substrate specificity of an acyl-acyl carrier protein thioesterase by protein engineering" see page 10643, left-hand column, last paragraph ---	1-6, 8-10,15, 16,18-21

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Internal Application No  
PCT/US 96/01585

C(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,X	PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, vol. 110, January 1996, pages 203-210, XP002014020 DEHESH, K., ET AL.: "Two novel thioesterases are key determinants of the biomodal distribution of acyl chain length of Cuphea palustris seed oil" see page 204, left-hand column, paragraph 3 see page 209, left-hand column, paragraph 1 ---	1-8, 21-24
P,X	BIOL. CHEM. HOPPE-SEYLER. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT, vol. 376, September 1995, page S5 XP002014021 MARTINI, N., ET AL.: "Modification of fatty acid composition in the storage oil of transgenic rapeseed" see abstract ---	1-6,9, 12,14, 15,18-22
A	SEED OILS FUTURE, 1992, pages 155-163, XP000573019 DAVIES, H.M., ET AL.: "Engineering medium-chain fatty acid production in oilseeds" see figure 15.4 ---	15-20
A	PLANT LIPID METAB., [PAP. INT. MEET. PLANT LIPIDS], 11TH (1995), MEETING DATE 1994, 499-502. EDITOR(S): KADER, JEAN-CLAUDE;MAZLIAK, PAUL. PUBLISHER: KLUWER, DORDRECHT, NETH. CODEN: 610ZAO, XP000602975 SLABAUGH, MARY ET AL: "Genetic and biochemical studies of medium chain fatty acid synthesis in Cuphea" see table 1 -----	15-20

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

PCT/US 96/01585

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
WO-A-9410288	11-05-94	US-A- 5455167		03-10-95
		CA-A- 2147617		11-05-94
		EP-A- 0670903		13-09-95
		JP-T- 8502892		02-04-96
WO-A-9220236	26-11-92	US-A- 5512482		30-04-96
		CA-A- 2109580		26-11-92
		EP-A- 0557469		01-09-93
		US-A- 5455167		03-10-95
		JP-T- 7501924		02-03-95
WO-A-9506740	09-03-95	AU-A- 7739894		22-03-95
		CA-A- 2169094		09-03-95
		EP-A- 0716708		19-06-96
WO-A-9513390	18-05-95	CA-A- 2176137		18-05-95
		EP-A- 0728212		28-08-96
WO-A-9527791	19-10-95	NONE		